

Here begynneth a treatise intituled the myr-
rou of good maners conteynynge the. iiii. ver-
tues callyd cardynall compyled in latyn by Do-
myrike Mancyn: And translate into englyshe
at the desyre of syr Gyles Alpyngton knyght by
Alexander Berckley preste and monke of Ely.



Mancinus super
 quatuor virtus
 sibus Cardinale.

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Petri Carmeliani exastis-
con: in dominici Mancini
de quattuor virtutibus
Cardineis libellum.

Qui cupit eximios mo-
res: vitamq; beatam
Nosceret: Mancini car-
mina docta legat.
Cardineas libro virtu-
tes quattuor vno
Is bene describit: mori-
bus assimilians.
Mancino cedant Curij.
cedantq; Catones.
Aedita vel quorū scrip-
ta fuere prius.

Dominicus Mancinus
ad lectorē de libro suo.

Quattuor astringit vir-
tutes iste libellus
Perplacido ductus: per-
faciliq; pede.
Peruius est rudibus pue-
ris: tenerisq; puellis.

Quos etiam mater fomi-
te lactis alit.
Peruius est senib: quos
olim crassa verustas
Eduxit: quando barba-
ra lingua fuit.

ho couetith to knowe these maners comendable
And With holy lyfe hym selfe wolde inlumyne
W Let hym rede this tretysle plesant & profitable
Fyrst in latyn metry: composed by Mancyne
This ryght prudent maister/dyd craftely cōbyne
The four noble vertues/surnamed cardynall
In one lypyll tretysle/includynge/theynge nat small

Wherby he enfourmyth / man to direct his lyfe
To the to wyse of vertue: and maners most laudable
Whiche auctour in Wrytynge/hath chese prerogatyfe
A boue a'l olde Wryters/in sentence delectable
In elygaunce of meter/and speche incomparable
Compendiouse in sentence/and playne aboute them all
Whiche Wrote/or this season/of vertues cardynall

Wherfore olde Curius/and Cato moste morall
With Senecke/Iad and sage/Cully and Petrarche
Pontane. And other moste noble auctours all
Whiche in tynes passed/Were vsyd in lyke warke
All these may well knowlege/them selfe diffuse or darke
Them both and they? Warke/Submyttinge to Mancyne
Whiche this fruytfull treatysle compolyd in latyne

Alexander Barclay to the reder of
this present treatysle translatynge
the wordes of dominicke Mancyne.

This playne lypyll tretysle in style compendious
moche bresly conteynyth: four vertues cardynall
In ryght plesant processe/ playne and comodypous
With lyght fote of meter/and style heropcall
Rude people to enfourme/in langage maternall
To whose vnderstandynge/ maydens of tender age
And rude lypyll chylterne: shall fynde easy passage

ye suche as the mother: doth cherishe on hyr lap
With swete blandymment/ of wordes ampyable
Cherysshynge With mylke/and nourisshynge With pap
Shall fynde this small doctryne/both playne & pfitable
Olde men Whiche haue bled: in tyme passed to bable
In barbaryke langage/and wordes course & hyle
May lerne here they? maners/and tonges newe to fyle

To fyle nat with byces/ noz langage inornate
 But to rase they? rudenes/ and rustis auncient
 The chaste and wyse matrone: after lyke maner rate
 May rede this small trectyse/ hy? maydens all present
 Gyuyng none/ attysment/ to lyfe incontynent
 The sad and wyse husbonde: this trectyse may recypte
 Unto his wyse: nat hurtynge/ hy? courage With deipste

Hunc matrona suas am-
 cillas casta docere:
 Hunc possit sponsa vls
 recitare suas.

This boke none excludith: but euery man doth fede
 Noz none Wyl it reche we: noz greue With y?blowes
 Who that can hunderfonde: harkyn/ here/ o? rede
 Shall fynde here some pleasure/ mer glyd With fruyt
 To no man displeasure/ to no man tedypousnes (fulnes
 Bnt in oppn langage fruytfull/ and playne doctryne
 Who lystith they? earis/ and myndes to enclyne

Hic nullum faciet: non
 radia conferat vili
 Si quocunq modo pte
 ma elementa sciet.
 Non alius pte
 non alius pte
 non alius pte
 non alius pte

But Where as myne auctour/ domynyk Mancyne
 In his latyne trectyse them prayeth of paryle
 To haste to the kno wlege/ of this his newe doctryne
 I make proclamacion/ here vnder other wyse
 To our natyfe nacion/ diswadynge them from byces
 Croxtynge and praynge/ the dwellers of englande
 This newe and small trectyse/ to rede a hunderfande

Noscere patris/ librum
 propriate recensere
 non alius pte
 non alius pte
 non alius pte
 non alius pte

Wherefore tender byrgyns/ deipste age in doctryne
 And children disposed/ to vertue and goodnes
 Haste hyther and receyue ryght holisome disciplyne
 Dra we nere o chaste matrons/ take flame of pyfynes
 Dra we nere crokyd age/ and youth. Whome wanfaynes
 By fre wyl/ lust/ ryot/ o? wylfull ignorauce
 Whilgydeth from maners/ good lyte and gouernauce

non alius pte
 non alius pte
 non alius pte
 non alius pte

Dra we nere pertyte lyues: take cōfōrt to pour mynde
 In this lyte doctryse: to kepe perseuerance
 Appoche men disordayd/ here shall we doctryne fynde
 To reforme pour luyngs/ and fure good gouernauce
 Haste of this newe trectyse/ to purchase conuynauce
 For no maner trectyse/ can be made profitable
 No doctryne more holy/ holisome/ noz comendable

Sanctus pte
 nihil esse potest.

It techith no trefyls/ it vices techith none
 But vertue and maners/ to man conuenient
 It techith what thynges/ becomith to be done
 Endurynge manes lyfe / as moste expedient
 Thynges passyd to consyder/ to order thynges present
 And prudently/ to puruay/ all thyngs for to come
 All ordynge in seafon: accordynge to wyl dome

Quid fieri debeat/ doc-
 hic: per tempora vitæ.

Et fieri vt possit: his
 quog; rite docet.

It techyth to temper/dyſorder/and malyce
To mytygate rancoure/and perccalyte
Without ſere oꝝ fauoure/to erecute Juſtyce
It techyth/in tro wbllys: ſtronge magnanymyte
And temperaunce/herin deſcrybd mayſt thouſe
So prudence/foꝛtytude/Juſtyce: & temperaunce
This boke to the profech: With humble countenaunce

But cert. doe reader/it askyth nought agayne
 No coyne it requyrezth: as pryce sufficient
 But rede it: if prayeth: than is to gladd fayne:
 And now when thou redest: than is it wel contents
 But if any purpose/ of mynde beniuolent
 With a lyttell money: to bye this small treatse
 He surely possedth/ no chaunge of greater pryce

No: his horrible contaynynt: no thyng more profytable.
 So may he wel beleue: With pyfte assurance
 But to day is endeouer: With stody ferme & stable
 Both wordes and sentence/ to close in remembrance
 Than hath he a te well/ Which moche shall hym auaunce
 And closyd in his hert/ a singuler tresour
 All transitozp tresour/ surmountynge in balour

No merchaunple bett. c/ in marte mayst thou fynde
 Than this lytell boke wythin it doth contayne
 No better thynges byngeth the merchant out of ynde
 from Damas or Turkey/ from Damiate or Spayne
 from collys of Italy/ from Naples or Almayne
 In al other nations/ in all forayne/ far & straunge
 C/ withan fynde no better merchaunple nor chaunge

I hope in eche type hath better merchandys
 No grocer no mercer nor other marchant all
 Can say the the virtues / with there / off the price
 As this holie book proffeth / the vertues cardynall
 The booke pynne telleth no better thyng at all
 No this weete complayth / sure in his mynde & thought
 Let hy in the worlde for certayne / nought better can be bought

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The prologe of Alexander Barclay vpon the
four Vertues cardynal to his ryght honorable
Mayster Gyles Alingto knyght Translate of
the peface of dominyke Baccyne by hym wry-
ty. To Frederyke Seuerine bishhop of Malea-
cence.

Right honorable mayster/ye me requyred late
A louers confession/abydgynge to amende
And from corrupt Englyshe in better to translate
To your request wolde I ryght gladly condyscende
Were nat that some rederes/my Warke wolde repzehende
As to my age and order/moche inconuenient
To Wryte of thinge Wanton:nat sad/but insolent

And though many passages therein be commendable
Some processys apere:replete With Wantonnes
And also the labour/great/longe/and importable
Unto my Warke Wyttes:my myndes myght oppresse
For age/it is foly/and topardy doutles
And able for to rayse/bad name contagious
To Wryte/rede or comon/of thinge venereous

The first reason.

Myne age Wyll nat suffer/to Wryte of sport or game
Wherto/Wanton iuuent/moste Wyllyngly intende
To scott and gesses/myne age Wyll nat frame
Nor dissolute bourdis/whiche commons mooste comende
Hooze age to ponge bourdes/shold nat it selfe extende
A man With hore heres/vncomely doth iudlyne
To mylframyd fablys/or gesture femynyne

An olde man decrepyte/ladyd With lockys gray
And With berde lyke bystys/dependynge on his chyn
With ponge mennys Weppyn besemyth nat to play
To gāba Wde nor flozys/he smale prayse so shall he Wryn
And certis me semyth/his Wyt is veray thyn
Whiche mynglyd With chyldren:and he a man of age
Wolde playe With cherystonyes/or nuttyes/by dotage

To catō/or curius hoWe yll wolde it agre
Or to sad fabricius/the Romaine mooste famous
forgettynge theyr honour/Wysdome and grauyte
To Wryte of thinge wanton:wayne/or venerious
To man resonable is as contrarious
To take on hym labour/or besynes:nat mete
As to be a monstre/With allys head & fete

Maney.

A.iii.

Domini Mancini in li-
brū de quattuor virtuti-
b' ad Federicū seuerinū
tem episcopū maleacē-
sium præfatio incipit:

Non mea fert ætas iuue-
niles ædere lusus:

Quosq; solet vulgus cō-
memorare iocos.

Non etenim salibus ca-
nisunt mollibus apti.

Nec deceat iuuenum tea-
la mouere senem.
Quā turpe est:cano sur-
gunt cui vellera mento:
Si pueris mixtus iacet
et ipse nuce.

Quam male conueniat:
teneros si ludat amores
Vel Cato:vel Curius:Fa-
briciusue grauis.
Non homini ceruix ali-
ter contrescit equina:
Quam si non proprium
sumpserit officium.

Non bene saltantis per-
sonam sustinet ille:

Compede qui longa / cō-
primiturq; graui.

Quam merito volucres
cornici illudere certent:

Si cantat cygnos / vel phi-
lomena tibi

Non etiam sanctus / quo
ascribor : postulat ordo /
Et votum fidei / religio :
q; sacra
Me / nisi res sanctas : per
scribere • tum meditari:

Deq; fide sancta / catho-
lica; loqui.
Cur etenim quisq; / sacris
calor; dicatus;
A sacris mentem dimo-
uet vsq; suam

Militē ascriptus vir: se
per cogitat arma.
Mercator cupidus men-
te volutat opes.
Presbyter at debet vi-
tīs indicere bellum:

Et populum summo con-
siliare deo.
Lebet et exemplis reuo-
care / et voce tuentes.
Inq; suo stantes consoli-
dare gradu.

Nat Wele he presentith the wo Wer in a daunce
But beray: yll he playeth the volage amorous
Which fettered in a gyue / Wolde gambalde leap & prance
Attachyd to a chayne / of lynkys ponderous
So saynt crokyd age / frayle and oblyuous
Aggrauat With yeres / as lynke ioynd to lynke
Of loue venereous / shulde nether speke no; thynke

If the cro We o; cokko We / pryuate of melody
With Swan o; nyghtingale / in synginge Wolde copare
Al byrdes myght them scoyne / & nat yn worthely
What shold a yrenger / mel With a grocers wate
O; salter With sylkes / tul symple co Wde fare
As yonth sho Werth spoztes / frayle luste and banyte
So meddyl shulde men agyd / With thinge of grauite

¶ The seconde reason.

ferthermore / the order / holy and commendable
To Whiche / god of mercy hath me associate
My fayth / and profession / sholde be inuiolable
Cōmaundyng me my Wyrtyng / to be intemerate
These thre Wyll none other / but after myne estate
My style and my Wyrtyng / insynngly to sounde
On thinge that one goodnes / and vertue hath the groude

And bttely to Wryte of thinge of holynes
And on the same to muse With pure and clene intent
To speke of holy fayth / of vertue and goodnes
What sholde a man / sacred / to god omnipotent
By god haupng power / of euery sacrament
Sith god by soche gyftys / so greatly doth hym bynde
What shuld he fro goodnes tourne o; Wda We his mynde

A Warrtour / o; capitayne / dysposyd for to fyght
Thynketh on his Wepyn / his harnes and armour
Hors / harnes / and speres / at musyng of a knyght
The couetous merchant in wynde tourneth eche hour
His merchaundys / changis / and fraudelent tresour
But the prystys musyng / labour and exercyse
Shold be in proclaymyng / playne War agaynst vice

And in abydyng batayle / dayly agaynst syn
Deuysyng and musyng / With all labour and payne
To reconyle synners / and people for to Wynn
By Word and example / he ought hym selfe cōstrayne
When fallyn / and erryng / to lyft and call agayne
And bresely this ought he / to comfort ignorance
Erhoptyng good lpuers / vnto persueurance

And bysely to watche/about our lordys folde
 The Wyld Wolues chalynge / from poze & symple shepe
 As redy at al sealon/to foucour yonge and olde
 Them chesely attendynge/whome he hath cure to kepe
 But no thyng is byler/nor mouinge more to wepe
 Than a preele a rayler/dysdaynyng his honour
 Or clothed as a courter/or cruell Sowdiour

With wepyng or armour/as one redy to fyght
 Usurpyng wronge honour/to lyuyng repugnant
 And where he/by order is callyd chrystys knyght
 Te be a wordly rybaude/the name is dissonant
 And thinge nat lesse byler/is to be ignorant
 Of maners vncomly/ageynst al honestee
 As fable/or laughyng stonke/of lewdest comonte

Contemnyd dysdayned/ and without reuerence
 For dysolute maners/or wantynge of conynge
 Or of hys chese plesour/be set in vyolence
 In dyscord/theft/surfet/trauode/malice or bzaulyng
 To repyne dysposyd/or lustys insuinge
 And with al these bycys/haue wordes rybaudyous
 What is more vncomely/or more contagious

Wherfore it nat semyth/a pysshe nly to kepe
 His fame and his lyuyng: from bycys fre and quyte
 But also hym semyth/for hurtynge of his shepe
 Nought soundynge to folp/to comon nor to wryte
 Thoughe worde be tolletable / What thyng one doth in
 If it be infectyd/by soyle contagion (dyte
 By longe tyme red often/ it hurteth many one

The thyde reason.

And certaynly I knowe: whyle ye ar wont to rede
 No thinge count ye plesant/to vertue repugnant
 Or that to bad maners mynystreth any sede
 And wele I consyder/your mynde is so constant
 That to your prudent eares/nought sundeth more plesant
 Than trectyse contemnyng/in euident processe
 The fourme of good liuyng/and grounde of holynes

To this be ye mrouyd/of your nature benygne
 Helpyd by mylde planete/and constellation
 If planetys haue power/or may helpe any thyng
 So in tender age/your conuersion
 In vertue and lernynge/and lyke occupation
 Besemyng your nature/your blode and your lynage
 Calyth you loue vertue/more veruently in age

A caulisq; lupos vigilas
 arcere rapaces;
 Et circum semper adula
 gilare gregem.
 Fœdus haud quicq; si
 sit scurra sacerdos.
 Aut si præduri militis an
 ma gerat.

Sed non fœda minus res
 est: si moribus ipsis
 Fabula sit vulgi / ridicu
 lumq; caput.

Aut si cōtinuè rixæ vio
 lentia/lites/
 Iurta/vis/ fraudes/fur
 ta/rapina placent.

Sed neq; te quicq; mulcet
 Federice legentem:
 Quod procul a sanctis
 moribus esse vides
 Nil etiam docta iucunda
 diu aude capefcis:
 Quam tibi quod sancta
 charta ministrat: opus.

Sic etenim mitis tua, fers
 natura: benigno
 Sydera coniuncta: syde
 ra si qua valent.
 Sic studia exposcunt: iu
 uenis quæ semp amasti:
 Et quæ nunc doctus vel
 vehementer amas.

Sic etiam comitas poetas
 rursus iuncta virorum
 Admonuit lateri nocte
 dieque tuo
 Horrarent veterum sic te
 monumenta virorum
 Aedidit innumeros quos
 seuerina domus.

Denique res gesta quodam
 laudis paterne
 Semina virtuti sunt quos
 magna tua
 Sed / modo quae gessit dux
 belli et pacis amator
 Virtutem faciunt illa vi
 dere magis.

Incrementa velut praestat
 plantaribus imbres
 Aere cum verno sole te
 pente cadunt
 Sic tu dum spectas virtu
 tes ipse paternas
 Fomentum magnum das
 Eederice tuis.

Si quis gesta velit nunc
 scire recentia patris
 Hec ego dicturum me ra
 tione negem
 Non etenim possim paucis
 concludere verbis
 Tum neque narrandi com
 modus iste locus.

Nam propero primos
 quos cepi intendere cur
 sus
 Ut dicam: quare non ego
 scribo iocos
 Scilicet haec causa est: hu
 meris quae sarcina nostris:

Nec digna est sanctis au
 ribus illa tuis
 Propterea / quantum potui
 grauiora petui
 Quaeque tuo possit aptius
 ore legi.

Also / conuersacyon / of Wysemen and conynge
 With Whome ye for dayly / to be in company
 Exciteth your spyrit / aboue all other thyng
 To the loue of vertue / and of philosophy
 The fame and remembrance / of your auncestre
 By manyfolde vertues / exciteth you also
 From vertue to vertue (as they haue done) to go

For certis the a wdes / renowm and worthy fame
 And noble interpyles of olde progenitours
 At lest as bright sparcles / pynge myndes to inflame
 And as seide prouokynge / they myndes to honours
 Nat by ambicion / nor heappynge of tresours
 Nor rentys augmentyd / without la we or mesure
 But by godly vertue / and maners clere and pure

So as in her beruant / Whan Phebus is chynnyng
 S wete shewes descēdyng / With droppys chry stallyn
 Ende wyth the dnye groude / ca wlyng the plant / spring
 Ryght so / ye regardinge / the hye vertues dyuyn
 Of your olde foresaders / shall leaue vnto your lyne
 Exemple of good maners / as fruytfull nutryment
 To de we them in vertue / as plantis to augment

But if I wolde purpoe / here seriatly to wyte
 The actes auncient / of your progenitours
 My reason repugneth / for wantynge of respyte
 For thynges lately done / by your predecessours
 Excitynge noble hertes / to se we them in honours
 To wyte were longe processe / and nat expedient
 Vnto this my purpose / but inconuenient

But agayne to purpose / no we to reuoke my stile
 Where as I fyrst began: this playne is myne entent
 Wherfore / I nat purpose / bayne tryfys to compyle
 For to myne age / nor order / it is nat congruent
 Nor to your prudent eares / no thyng conuenient
 Wherfore me becomyth to wyte of grauite
 Whiche to both our states: more comely may agre

Whiche a preste may wyte nat hurtyng his estate
 Nor of honest name / obumbrynge nat his lyght
 And that a knyght may rede / after lyke mayer rate
 To this I prepare me / after my symple myght
 For longe haue I mulyd / and stodpyed day and nyght
 What matter I myght wyte / to your auctoryte
 To testyfy my loue / and my fyde lyte

In Whiche two I knowlege/my self vnto you bounde
Wherfore to recompence/your dedes lyberall
At laste/longe tyme musyng/mete matter haue I fonde
That is the foure vertues/turnampt cardynall
Whiche comely to be vsyd/at vnto man mortall
For them and theyr suers/god doth al way comende
Wherfore to my power/to wyte them I intende

To you these accordyth/these vnto you as I wote
Of you late procedyng/as of theyr hecd fountayne
Your lyfe/as example/in wytyng I thus
For more than my wytyng withy it can contayne
Your maners perfourmyth:and both therio attrayne
So to wchynge these vertues/ye haue in your lyfynge
More then thre my meter/cōteynith in wytyng

My dytyes indityd/may counsell many one.
But nat you:your maners/surmountith my doctryne
Wherfore I regarde you/and your maners alone
After whose lyfynge/my processe I combyne
So other men instructyng/I musse to you inclyne
Conformyng my processe/as moche as I am able
To your sad behauour/and maners comendable

But thoughe your hye courage/delongynge to a knyght
Wise on greeter matters/than I intende to wyte
yet al thynges endyd/at moynynge or at nyght
Rede this my rude meter/at layser and respyte
The Eggle at al seasons/hath nat hyr mooste delite
To fle to the clowdes/noz hyer in the Ayre
Some tyme nere lo we felde/lyr pleasyth to repayre

And off hath she plesour in fleynge nere the grounde
So what greater curys wyll graunte to you respyte
And what you mynde from them:for season is vnboude
Grant that you may musis come pleasure and delpte
That gladly for to rede:which gladly I wyte
My spyrit shall reioyce/to here that in effect
My Werkes ye shal rede:And them mende & correct

For though in rude meter/my matter/I compyle
Wher shal count it ornate/Whan ye it lyt to rede
your tonge shal it polyshe/gatrysshe adorne and fyle
But this thynge omittynge/I purpose me to speke
Of the we in what order/I purpose me to procede
Fyrst of al/in meter/intende I for to thewe
Of fayre lady prudence/mother of al vertue

Quippe gardeham nos
fram te noscere mentē
Præstare & fidei memo
numenta meæ:
Quattuor en scripsi vir
tutum munda versu:
Quæ deceat hoinēs: quæ
probit ipse deus.

Hec tibi conueniūt. hec
sunt tibi debita: nūq̃
Nuper de factō. sōte pro
fecta tuō.
Tu velut exēplar scrip
torū/et forma meorū
Quod bene conscripsi:
pleniūs ipse facis.

Hæc alios/non te:pote
rūt mea scripta monere.
Scripta monet alios:tu
me. scripta mones.

Et maiora licet sacra
sub pectore verses:
Nostra tamen legitorū
datur ipsa quies.
Non aquila aerias semp
petit ardua nubes.
Proxima sed terris illa
aliquando volat.

Sic tu/cum cessāt graulo
res pectore curæ:
Præsta aliquid musis/car
minibusq; meis.
Letabor: tanto si nostra
legantur ab ore.
Et fiant lima si meliora
tua.

Prima canēda venit ma
ter prudentia rerum.

Iusticia hinc lumen mox
trahit alma suum.
Post animus magnus / duc
ra oia ferre paratus:
Scribitur: in fine mens
moderata mihi.

Quattuor ex curru toti
dem fecere rotarum.
Quem si quis scandat:
magnus / et altus erit.
Nec minus a cunctis specta
bitur ille triumphans:
Quia toto si quis victor
in orbe foret.

Hunc currum rati reges
egere / ducesq.
Rara etenim virtus esse
quaterna solet.
Ergo recognoscas tete:
mea scripta legendo.
Te tanquam in speculo / dum
legis ipse vide.

Censor adest nunc quid pro
pero dum fingere forma:
Mens bene quod vidit:
est imitata manus.
Sed iam virtutum seri
em narretur ab ortu.
Principijs notis omnia
clara magis.

De quattuor fontibus
honestatis: qui a ratio
ne habent originem.

Principio omnipotens
celum / terramq. creauit.
Et statuit proprijs cuncta
elementa locis.
Hinc celum ornauit stel
lis / et gramine terras.
Aera pennatis / pisce re
pleuit aquas.

Of Whome lady Justice / dra With hyz holy lyght
Of Whome nexte ensuyng I Wryte With breuite
Thant hyz dly I purpose / for to descrybe the myght
Of a valyant courage / or magnanimyte
Redy for to suffer / all harde aduersyte
And than last intende I / by the deuyne suffraunce
To descrybe the maner of lady temptaunce

These four are four whelps / to charet of vertue
To Whiche: who ascendith / is great and gloriouse
And as a conquerour / hym selfe playne shall he the we
To all maner peop^e triumphant and famouse
And shalbe reputed / moche more victorouse
More iourouse or happy / more stronge or fortunate
Than yf the hole wo^rld / by hym were subiugate

se we kynges / se we prynces / or wo^rldely gouernours
Haue into this charet / ascendyd perfyte
for many in the wo^rld / haue ben great conquerours
And them selfe haue suffred / subduyd of foly
But agayne to purpose / my matter to apply
Consyder ye your selfe / in redyng my Wrytynge
And as in a myrrour / contempe your lyfynge

Nowe be ye my Juge / in Wrytynge / if my hande
Shall these four ymages / forge as they ought to be
Or yf the hande fulfill / that mynde doth vnderstande
This thyng to determyne / haue ye auctorite
Nowe wyll I here begyn / to Wryte With breuyte
Wherof these four vertues / haue theyz origynall
For when the grounde is clere / the warke is clere all

There folowyth the four fountayns or
wellys of honeste / whiche of naturall
reason haue theyz begynnynge or ygi
nall / and of whome the four cardynall
vertues springyth.

At the fyrste begynnynge / our lord omnipotent
fourmyd heuyn / & erth / as wytnessith scripture
And in theyz proper placis / set euery elymēt
Than garnished the heuyn: With stercys bryght & pure
And the grounde With trees: and grasse offresshe verdure
And best is in theyz wynde: than fylled he the ayre
With manyfolde byrdes: of fethers bryght and fapre

Than stored he the see/ With fyshes in theyr kynde
 All thynges thus ordered/ and plesantly ornate
 Lyke hym selte he fourmed/ man of moste noble mynde
 And all lyuely thynges/ to hym made subiugate
 At his Will obeynge/ Whyle he kepte his estate
 Thus made Were all beestis to man obedient
 And man onely subiect/ to god omnipotent

Inde hoīem faciens simi
 le sibi: subdidit illi
 Omne animans: terris
 imperiumq; dedit.

Than god hym exalted to haue dominion
 ouer the brode Worlde/ and thereto dyd hym able
 Of his goodnes/ makynge/ hym partner of reason
 Wherby he dyfferith/ from beest vntonable
 Whan man had this treasour/ and gyft incomparable
 By reason he began to compase in his mynde
 And serche the secretis/ of thynges of euery kynde

¶ Of the originall of prudence

So mankynde aduertynge/ & ponderynge by wysdome
 Thynges gone and passyd/ and also thynges present
 He seeth for certayne: What semyth for to come
 And agaynst it happyn: is nat improuyde nt
 But makyth prouysion: for all impediment
 Of thynges necessary Wantynge nothyng at all
 But hym selfe preparynge/ to chauncis/ or they fall

Hunc et participē ratio
 nis fecit: vt illa
 Differat a reliquis dispo
 ciente seris.
 Hic igitur/ tanto rōnis
 munere fretus:
 Scrutari incepit oīa mē
 te sua.

At/ dum prateritis qua
 sūt praesentia: necit:
 Quāta sunt certa/ mēte
 futura videt.
 Propterea; parans illis
 quodcūq; necesse est.

Hym selfe so disposynge by reason president
 Thynges passyd to consyder/ thynges p̄sent Well to frame
 And for thynges cōmyng/ Well to be prouydent
 Thus of a prudent man/ deserueth he the name
 These thynges consydered/ than reason is the same
 Whiche toynteth man to man: for loue of company
 For cōmonynge/ comfort/ and socour necessary

¶ Of the origynall of Justice.

And so Whan moche people comoynded is in one
 Reason hath them moued to be obedient
 To suche as excellyth/ in wysdom and reason
 Wherby the cōmon Well of cyte excellent
 Hath fyyste chese begynnynge & greatly doth augment
 Than reason requirerh/ to ordeyne ryght Wyle la We
 Transgressours to chastice/ and to kepe/ vnder a We

Prudentis meruit nomen
 habere viri.
 Atq; eadē rō multos cō
 iunxit in vnum.
 Colloqui; causa/ p̄sidi; q;
 simul.

Impulit et cœtus cogit
 parere iubenti:
 Urbibus et positis viue
 re lege viros.

To socour and defende/ the Wayke and Innocent
 And proude rashe rebellers/ With reason to chastice
 Thus eche state them byndeth/ to be obedient
 By instinct of reason: to lawes of Justice
 And eche in his order/ hym selfe to exercyse
 For drede of correccion: nat presunynge to do
 But lyke as he hym selfe/ Wolde gladly be done to

Præcipuū in sobolē patri
bus generauit amorem;

Inq; alios: sicut sanguis
nis ordo iubet.

Hinc patres curāt natos
omni arte tueri.
Hinc nati patres pro pie
tate colunt.
Hec iubet officiis hoies
certare vicissim.

Inq; vicem aduersis reb;
adesse iubet.
Hec inter populos et re
ges fœdera necit.
Hec inter raros iungit
amicitias.

Plus tñ officiis certant/
opibusq; ferendis:
Qui donante deo: plus
rationis habent.
Sic hoim comitas firma
ta / et viribus aucta est.

Sic aucta imperia mu
nere iusticię.

This same lawe of nature / ingendryd hath of kynde
In fathers and mothers a loue moste pyncipal
Anent theyr dere chyldren. And after that doth bynde
Them to theyr Wyogeny: In loue moste special
To soche: as of theyr blode / they knowe nerest of al.
Thus loue in degrees / by nature: sholde agre
After the degrees / of consanguynyte.

And therfor / the Parentys endeuoyr Wyth al arte
Theyr chyldren to defende to comforte & maynteyne
The chyldren in lyke wyse / of nature do theyr parte
For pytie to woorthyp / theyr dere parent agayne
This Justice comaundeth / this: nature doth cōstrayne
So reason toyneth man: as brother vnto brother
To contende in kyndnes / and doynge one for other

Eche other to comforte / Whan is necessite
Thus reason conioyneth the bondes of con corde
It peas reconcyleth / loue / fayth / and charyte
Bet wyrt kyng & kyng / and byt wene lord & lord
Thus reason / by Justice / excludyth all discorde
For whyle euery pson / by Justice hath his ryght
It is a brutall fury / in batayle for to fyght

But such as in ryche and reason doth habounde
By the gyfte of god / to them graunted of grace
With ryches and reason / these stryue as they are bounde
Moste / the poze to socoure / in euery nedefull case
Thus gentylnes of man / augmentyth with solace
Thus maners augmentyth / thus chastyled is byce
And vertue auauncyd / by reason and Justyce

Emprys thus augment by Justices rewarde
And moste souerayne gydynge. Thus is benignyte
From man to mā she wyrd. Thus maners go for warde
And braunchis delatyth of peas and bnyte
Thus chastyled is synne / and all enozmyte
And all thyng reducyd to ryght dyreccion
By mopen of Justice / pcedynge of reason

Of the origynall of magnanymyte
or strengthe of mynde.

Ethermore: by reaso: growyth in manys mynde
 A naturall belyre/ al way With bely cure
 Chynges hpd and secrete/ to serche/ knowe and fynde
 Of trewe & parfyte gode/ the knowlege to procure
 Whiche knowlege obteyned/ Whan they therof be sure
 Of natural instynct/ this reason doth man moue
 Soche treasour obteyned/ moche feruently to loue

Reason also mouyth/ man: greatly to labour
 To serche and haue knowlege/ of troth and verite
 For certaynly to man/ can be no more pleasour
 No more iocunde pastyme/ toy nor felycete
 Than dayly for to lerne/ and more pryncent to be
 To sauert and perceyue/ by reason What is ryght
 Than clered is his mynde/ With pyfte in ward lyght

Wherefore oft it hapenith/ Whā mā the trouth hath foude
 Hys mynde is so feruent: for to defende the same
 That for the loue therof/ he careth for no wounde
 No hard thinge nor greuous/ can hym subdue nor tame
 No chaūce/ nor no labour can myttigate this flame
 No tyrant by tument by deth/ nor other payne
 From mayntyuaūce of trouth/ can hym moue or cōstrayn

Thus is his bolde spyryt/ in maner inuyncible
 In hard chance he couitith no great dysfauite
 No labour nor trauayle/ he countith impossyble
 In the trouth defendynge: Thus clerely may we se
 Howe of reason spyryngyth hys magnanymite
 And boldnes of spyryt: Which/ trouth for to defende
 Both blode/ lyfe and goodes refusyth nat to spende

This thirde noble vertue of magnanymite
 Thus cōslynge of reason: some men cal fortitude
 Protectour of the trouth: and for simplicite
 Renouūceynge no rigour/ nor nō solpētyde
 Called is it strength/ of comon people rude
 Doldenesse of spyryt/ but no we let vs auance
 Our style/ to descrybynge/ the grounde of temperance

¶ Of the begynnynge of temperance.

yet reason: hath one myght: nat to be countyd small
 Whereby: it exchyth/ man to felycite
 For to beholde thynges/ saye plesant and formall
 And to take great pleasure/ aduysynge theyr beawte
 Man: onely by reason/ pcepyth/ and doth se
 Howe goodly an orde/ and what beawte ornate
 Is in worldly thinges/ of god almyght create

Mancy.

B. 1.

Præterea inata ē ex hac
 ratione cupido
 Mentibus: vt semper ab
 dita nosse velint:
 Vt verum/simplexq; bo-
 num deprendere curent.
 Et postq̃ norint: id vehē-
 men ter ament.

Quippe/ q̃ ē homini ma-
 ior non vlla voluptas
 Illa: qua discit: cōtinue
 q; sapit:

Sæpe igit̃ ar veri sic fer-
 uet amore reperti
 Mens: nihil vt duri res-
 puat illa pati.
 Casibus haud vllis /non
 villo viâ. labore:
 Pro vero ē mortî nescia
 terga dare.

Tertia sic virtus mens
 alta/ & magna vocata ē:

Quæ semper custos firmæ
 plicitatis adest.

Nec parua illa quidem
 vis est rationis: hahēda:
 Per quam nos nimirū cer-
 nere pulchra iuuat.
 Quantus inest ordo re-
 bus: vel quāta venustas:
 Solus homo solers per-
 cipit: atq; videt.

Hanc igitur faciem mū
di/formamq; decoram
Cum sapiens spectat:dis-
ligit/atq; probat.

Tū secū loquitur. Quā-
to res pulchrior esset:
Si tantus nostris mori-
bus ordo foret.
Propterea exemplo rerū
componere mores

Nititur: atq; animo tra-
dere tale decus.
Ergo nil sordis/nil & cō-
mittere inepti
Prouidet:et nullā pror-
fus habere noiam:

Ns quid vel nimium fa-
ciat/vel pōdētē mancū:
Sitq; deus rebus tempo-
ris/atq; loci.

Deniq; sic animo virtus
moderatio surgit:
Ordine quē quarto con-
numeranda loco est.
Quattuor has igit par-
tes cōprendit honestū.
Quas omnes ratio con-
ficit i psa tibi.

Sed deus hāc homini ra-
tionem cōtulit auctor-
Naturam vulgus dicti-
tat esse deum.

Therfoze Whan the Wyse mā/ this bea Wte doth beholde
Cōsyderynge this thap/ and pleasant fourme mundayne
He praylyth the saynes/ With la Wdys many folde
And knoweth by this fourme: the fourme souerayn
Than reason reducyth/ vnto his mynde/ certayne
That than is thinge decent/ and synguler bea Wte
Whan all thenge procedyth/ in order and degre

Whan man this reuoluyth delytynge in his mynde
Than sayth he to hym selfe: o lord eternall kynge
If so goodly ordrē/ in maners of mankynde
Were dewly obseruyd/ it were more plesant thinge
Wherfoze he contendyth/ by reason hym gydyng
After soche example/ of our Ward thinge mundayne
His owne lyfe/ and maners/ in ordrē to constrayne

And soche in Ward bea Wte to gyue vnto his mynde
As in out Ward thinges/ he doth behold expresse
Wherfoze he prouydyth/ as reason doth hym bynde
To conforme his maners to so sayre comlynnes
Sufferynge in hym self/ no so vble vnclenlynnesse
No vice no: disordre: no: other spot at all
In woꝝdys dysolute: no: warkys speycall

So tha: no maner fa'it/ no: blame in hym be founde
By passynge/ in his dedys due ordrē o: mesure
In doynge ouer moche/ o: los than he is bounde
O: nat in de Wte season: repugnynge to nature
Therfoze doth he stody/ and muse With hely cure
His dedys to redresse/ and do in euery case
Accorдынge as requirerh/ the season/ tyme and place

Thus rplyth in the mynde/ the fourth noble vertue
Callyd Moderacion/ o: ellys Temperance
Which vertu auancyth/ and vicyss doth subdue
Conduytinge mankynde/ in goodly gouernance
So: these four conioyned/ shall they: hauer auance
To the lute possession/ of perfayte honeste
And fy:ste vpon reason: all four groundyd they be

Which reason is grauntyd/ by god vnto mankynde
As moſte souerayne auctoure/ and gouerner moſte sure
Alf comon peple/ dull/ ignorant and blynde
Alcrypyth this hpe gyft/ some tymes to nature
It takynge/ as god: agaynst iust scripture
And symple creature/ exaltynge With honour
Whiche onely belongyth/ to god our creatour

But fauorable redar take thyne election
Whither thou wilt call/these vertues cardynall
The gyftes of nature/procedynge of reason
Or rather the gyftes/of hye god immortall
As tochyng my dypite/this thinge perfourme I shall
Of these four distynctly/to synysse this trefylse
Unto the laude of vertue/and reprouynge of vyce

And fyrst chal I begyn/at vertue of prudence
Fyrste groundyd on reason/of Whome the other thre
Procedyth as bzaunchys/of hye preemynence
But fauorable redar/Where thou shalt here or se
Dought soundynge in my warke/agaynst graunte
Or nat comely ordred/in meter or substance
Correcte I requyre the/my symple ignozaunce

Of the fyrste Cardynall vertue
named prudence.

The fyrste place/and party longynge to honeste
Is the noble vertue/Whiche called is prudence
This techyth for to serche/the clere dyuersyte
By twene good and euyl/or vertue and offence
By twene treuth and falsched/it serchyth dyfference
And this inquisition/to man is naturall
And moze conuenient/than other thynges all

No thinge is moze propre/noz apter to mankynde
Than to haue clere knowlege/of thinges naturall
For of euery man/this is the wyll and mynde
To loue to haue knowlege/and perceyue thynges all
Except some blynde wretches/nat humayne but brutall
Onely in the womme/as bestys delectynge
Man wold haue vnknowyn/to hym playn lyue thinge

All thynges he serchyth/all thyng consyderyth he
In mynde them reuoluyng/With perfyte dylygence
For he countith it so wle:yl/and dys honest
To erre/as ouersene in wronge:by negligence
But that man is callyd/a man of true prudence
Which tryeth forth the trowth/dyscerninge good fro yll
Honest from dys honest:and doth the best ful yll

Mancy.

B.ii.

Sive igitur placeat:na-
ture munera dici/
Sive dei:arbitriū lector
habeto tuum.
Hoc ego p̄stabo:distinde
vt singula tractem.

Primum & prudentis or-
dine munus erit.

De prudentia.

Primus honestatis loc-
us est disquarere:quid sit
Verū/vel falsū:que ma-
la/quidue bonum.
Hoc adeo i hominis na-
ture/et viribus aptum;

Nil magis vt propriū:
nil deceatq; magis.
Ducitur omnis enī mor-
talis amore sciendi:
Prorsus vt ignotum nil
velit esse sibi.

Omnia vestigat solers:
et mente volutat.
Nam labi/& falli turpe/
malumq; putat.
Est autem prudens:quis
quis disquirat honestū
A turpi: vt tātum possit
honestia sequi.

Hoc non discernet: nisi
qui meritur id ipsum!
Vt natura sua iudicat:
et ratio.
Non/que quisque probat:
prudēs ea recta probabit

Sed: quæ iudicio cōpro-
bat ipse suo.
Hoc sed iudicium ratio
dominata gubernet.

Pareat & sensus: vt puer
atque comes.
Verum/quo leuius rectū
dignoscere possis:
Hic quasi perspicies sin-
gula lector habet.

Imprimis igit quisque
perquirat honestum:
In vita agnoscat esse ca-
uenda duo.
Est vnum: ne scire putet:
que nescit: et illis
Hereat/ vt certis: credu-
lus ipse sibi.

Plurima namque latent ce-
cis abstrusa latebris:
Que neque de facili quisque
videre potest.
Ergo illis temere tu cō-
sentire caueto:
Ne capiat facti te cito
pœna tui.

Hic opus est studio: hic cu-
ra/et tempore longo.
Hic quoque preceptor for-
te vocandus erit.

But no man is aby/ this perfyte/ly to trye
No: dyscerne thinge honest: from bad & dyshouest
Except he it mesure and ponder perfyte/ly
By naturall reason/ iugynge Within his brest
No: the partye Wylseman: allo With nat that best
Which moste is comendyd/ of people imprudent
O: vnstable comons/ of Wylful Iugement

But that thyng he demyth/ honest and comendhble
Which he hym selfe iugith/ in his intencion
But this same iugement/ may nat be deseyuable
No: Wanderynge at pleasour/ but subiect to reason
To Whome the appetyte/ in lyke condycion
Must be obedient/ and Wyl/ as seruitour
Reason al way regent: chese gyde and gouernour

As the chylde obeyth/ his mayster hym techynge
And as pylgrymes solo we/ they: gyde to flye daungere
So Wyl and appetyte/ to reason: in all thyng
Must obey/ and solo we/ than iugement is dere
But that this same vertue/ moze playnly may apere
And lyghter to knowlege/ here/ reder/ thou shalt fynde
Eche party dyscrybyd/ distynctly in his kynde

Two sawys to be exchued in prudence.

Therfore who requyryth to purchase honeste
And laudable lyfe/ by dertue of prudence
Ware of two thyngys/ in lyuyng/ most he be
One is that he count nat/ hym selfe to haue scyence
Of thyng Wherof he hath/ playne none experyence
No: knowlege/ as cleuyng to his owne fantasie
And pryuat oppynion/ mentaynyng hardely

By n selfe countynge certayne/ of thyngys incertayn
And lyghtly beleuyng/ what falllyth to hys mynde
For many thyngys be hyd/ and nat clere no: playne
But With obscure knowlege/ obumbred of they: kynde
Which of a Wylse persone/ at nat easy to fynde
Wherfore be Ware/ rashely to these lone to consent
Lyst thy hasty dedys/ lone cause the to repent

In soche obscure thyngys/ requyryth great stody
Great cure and compasyng/ longe tyme and dyslygence
And here parauenture/ man most hym nede apply
To call for a mayster/ experter in scyence
Of soche secrete thynges/ hauynge experyence
And in such hys thynges/ doth profyte farther moze
Experyence/ and prose/ of thynges done befoze

And the faythfull hertes/ of freyndes sure counsell
 In loche do wofull thinges (if thou to them resort)
 Shall greatly/ the profyte/ and trouth vnto the tell
 But in loche thinges do wofull/ it is to man confort
 To serche both parties/ To reason to resort
 Both wofely dyscussynge/ by serche diligent
 That what so euer fall/ come nat vnpreyden

As wele as for the good/ prouyde thou for the vll
 As wele one as the other/ may fortune for to fall
 To prouyde one partye/ it is nat parfayte skyl
 Thou moſte befoze daunger ymagyne daungers all
 And than for them puruay/ by wyl subſtaucyall
 One party prouyded/ an other neglygent
 And lame/ this nat ſemyth/ a wyſe man and prudent

It is nat full/ ynowghe/ whan ſerpeantes men aſſayle
 Alſelonely for theyr mouthes/ to make promiſion
 Whan moſt in lyke be ware/ both of the toth and tayle
 For thoughe the toth trenchyth/ the tayle beryth poiſon
 Wherefoze ſo behaue the/ in euery ſeaſon
 That thou ſay nat after/ I thought this ſhuld nat fall
 For without dyswozthyp/ thus ſayth no man at all

Noz ſuffer nat this thyng/ alſo/ the/ to dysceyue
 Which many hath dysceyuyd/ debo wtyng from honour
 In theyr owne coceptes/ whyle they cheſe pleaſour haue
 Led blyndly as beaſtes/ in bydyll of errour
 All thiſe countynge honeſt/ whiche is to them pleaſour
 Whoſe luſte is theyr laſte/ from loche thou moſte declyne
 Lyſt thou/ them enſurynge/ fall hedlynge to ruyne

Soche/ onely Inſurynge/ theyr pryuat iugement
 To theyr owne errours/ as byle ſeruantys ſubiecte
 By leue/ nought aboue them/ can be moze excellent
 And nought can them alter/ noz moue to good effect
 No counſell/ noz reaſon/ theyr myndys can correct
 All oue all good reaſon/ reignyth there iugement
 And obſtynate purpoſe/ as alſys imprudent

As fathers haue/ cuſtom oft tymes to comende
 The byce of theyr chyldren/ product in errour blynde
 Redy in all crymys/ theyr ſawtyſ to defende
 As paynters/ & grauers/ or poetys hauynge mynde
 In payntyng or grauyng/ or freſhe meter to ſynde
 Comendith theyr werkys/ and thynketh them pleaſant
 So iogeth in ſoly/ blynde ſolys igno. ant

Whancy.

B.iii.

Proderit i multis ſimal
 experientia rerum.
 Proderit et fide pectus
 amicitie
 Rebus in ambiguis par-
 tes ſcrutaberis ambas:
 Vt quecūq; venit; res ti-
 bi tuta cadat.

Non ſatis eſt iſtam par-
 tem munire/vel illam:
 Altera ſi reſtat debilis/
 atq; vagans.

Non bene prouidit; tan-
 tum qui a dente colubri
 Cauit: nam pariter cau-
 da cauenda fuit.
 Sic age; nūq; dicas
 non iſta putaram.
 Non ſine dedicoe ſera-
 tur id ore viri.

Nec te decipiat; quoda-
 m quod decipit: illud;
 Dum quecūq; ſua recta
 et honeſta putant;

Iudicio addiſti proprio/
 ſeruig; ſuorum
 Errorum; credunt ſe
 nihil eſſe ſupra.
 Auelli nequeunt vlla ra-
 tione/ vel arte.
 Iudiciūq; omni plus
 ratione valet.

Vt ſolite patres nate-
 rum crimina ſepe
 Laudare; et bonis crede-
 re digna ſuis:
 Vt/ qui fecit opus; ſculp-
 tor; carmenq; poeta;

Sepe is phidiacum sper-
nit: et arma virum:
Sic isti proprios mores
venerantur: adorant.
Queq; alij faciunt/ vt vi-
ciosa: premunt.

Quippe/ q; a rerū fallū =
tur amore suarum:
Nec nisi se se ipsos pro-
fus amare qucunt.
Quicquid habēt ipsi gē-
mas: aurūq; licentur.

Tanq̃ vile lutum cuncta
aliena ferunt.
Is ratio explosa est: atq;
omnis questio viri.
Ii minime distā a peco-
re/atq; feris.

Quisquis / naturæ quæ
sunt cōmunia non vult:
An partē proprijs præ-
beat ille bonis/
At: si te talis casu sub-
repperit error:
Vt nimium tribuas par-
tibus ipse tuis:

Tunc videas: quēcūq; te
nunt sanctiq; boniq;
Atq; ea tu credas esse te-
nenda tibi:
Plus oculi cernunt mul-
ti sub luce ferena:
Quam videt in tenebris
vnus ocellus iners.

Atq; cum consilio cōsta-
bunt omnia certo:
Tūc age mature: sit pro-
cul ipsa mora.

An ouerfene poet/dare great Haro despyse
His o Wne art delytynge/ indyryd folys helpe
The paynter despylyth/apelles in lyke wyse
And phedias/despylyth the grauer semblably
So some dotynge folys/ in errour led blyndly
Cōmende they? o Wne maners/ & prayse aboue althyng
All other mennes Warke/ extremely depzauinge

What causyth suche folys? What moueth this errour?
Forsoth this is chesely/ the grounde originall
In they? o Wne conceytes/ mozte restyth they? pleasour
And saue they? o Wne myndes/ they lone no thyng at all
They? o Wn Wylde ome cōūt they/ moche clerer thā chrystal
Aboue precious stones/ and prayse it aboue golde
As abyll for to teche/ and gouerne yonge and olde

But other mennys rason/ they counte as fylthy clay
This namely doth assys/ set in auctozite
From soche is all reason/ and trouth dreuyn away
And prudence subdued/ brought in captyuyte
Soche Wretches in lyuyng/ moche dyfferent nat be
From byle brutall bestys/ which lyuyng in they? dēn
Cōtemnerh vertu/maners/ and cōnyng of all men

What may of thyng cōmune/ belongynge to nature
Despyseth to departe/ as reason doth requyre
Of his propre goodys/ howe can a man be sure
To haue some small parcell/ if none of nede despyre?
But if lyke blynde errour/ do set thy mynde on fyre
Ed thyne o Wne oppinion: to gyne to loze credence
yet leaue this/ and leane thou/ to men of moze prudence

And in mynde in deuoyr/ to consyder and se
What Wylse man ocleruyth/ Whome bertue dothe inflame
And what men obseruyth/ of Wyt and grauyte
Than thynke it necessary/ for the to do the same
Thus mayst thou Wyn Wydome la Wyd/ honour & good
for dyuers iyen seeth/ moze clerely by day lyght (nature)
Thā an one iyed blynearde/ darke/ Wāderynge by nyght

Thus fyrst in all dedys requyred is counsell
But Whan all thyng standyth/ determynyd certayne
Than all faynt delayinge/ thou must from the repell
And sone do thy purpose/ and dede/ With hast sodayn
Whan counsell is takyn delaynge is but bayne
for oft man abydeyth/ tyme moze conuenient
Whyle chaūcys/ ani. causys/ fall lesse expedyent

For many be Whiche counsell befoze With perfyte hede
 Prouydyng all chauncys/ Whiche may by fortune fall
 And whan they at endynges hulde come vnto the dede
 Than by clouggys the sloweth/ they do no thyng at all
 Soch count I nat prudent: none Wyse/ so Wyll they call
 For that part omitt thy/ Wherto they shulde procede
 As chese and pynypall/ that is the veray dede

If nought be reduced/ to purpose and effect
 Without dede concludyd/ What valour hath counsell?
 Whan to faynt cowardyse/ Wyse counsell is subiecte
 Than fere: from effect doth all prudence expell
 What shulde the gardynner/ With ympe or grassy age mell
 Or grene bowes burgyn/ With leaups and blossom
 If no fruit in season: shall on the trees com

What shuld a man of Warre/ or subtill capytayne
 Assemble a great army/ cho wyng his pompe and gloze?
 And moultre in the fylde/ crakynge all day in wayne
 Without Wyse intrete/ or fyghtynge for byctoze
 What shulde the husbandeman/ in londe or terrytoze
 Comyt seide/ or labour his fylde euyne or mozne
 Except he in season/ may of the same/ reape cozne?

All thyngys ar vsyd/ for profyte of the ende
 The fruyt and auantage/ is conforde to laboure
 And in Warke/ all Wysemen/ vse vertu to commende
 Thus counsell/ without dede/ is but of small valure
 But this nat withstandynge: he deserueth honour
 Whome vertue: by counsel: to good dede doth inflame
 Allys he want power/ for to personne the same

For many haue Wyse counsell/ dyscrete and prouydent
 But they? Wyll is lettyd/ by faynt infyrmyte!
 Other some haue counsell/ and fynde impedymēt
 By Wantynge of ryches/ and Mayght of pouerte
 But all soche as Worthe/ comendyd for to be
 For alys/ they? power/ may nat the dede fulfyll
 yet ought we theto laude/ for they? good mynde & Wyll

Philosophers also/ and other of wysdom
 Which haue by Wyse wytyng and endles memoze
 Infourmyd and clered/ longe tyme for to com
 and taught vs blynde wycthes/ fro to wblis trasitoze
 These also deserue nat/ a lyttell laude and gloze
 But clere fame immortall: syth by they? good doctryne
 Ryght many to good order/ ar callyd to ruyne
 ¶ The seconde faute to be excludyd from prudence.

Sunt multi segnes et le-
 ti pondere facti:
 Consultant quis optima
 quæq; prius.
 Ii neq; cecendi pruden-
 tes: namq; relinquunt.
 Partem: quæ prima est/
 offici/q; caput:

Non aliter virides flo-
 rescunt arbore rami
 Si nequeant proprio tẽ-
 pore poma legit.

Nec sec. i medijs seiace-
 tant agmina campis
 Si conferta manus nul-
 la trophea refert.
 Sic etiam cultis mandã-
 tur semina fulcis:
 Ni segetes tostas falce
 sonante metas.

Omnis eni sua laus vir-
 tutis facta requirit.
 Nam sine re prodest con-
 sultasse parum.
 Non tamẽ ille caret vir-
 tutis laude perenni:

Qui bona cõsultat si ge-
 rere illa nequit.
 Nam prohibet multos
 morbo: nã sape facultas
 Consilijs rectis non si a-
 nit esse locum.

Philosophi pariter lau-
 dem/ famaq; merentur:
 Qui bene scribendo secu-
 la longa monent.

Secundũ vicium in prus-
 dentia.

Est aliud vitium longū
consumere tempus:
Et nimis studiis ardua
quæq; sequi.
Difficiles etenim res
quædam indaginis altę:
Quæ ramen haud ali-
quid vtilitatis habent.

Namq; nihil fini profuit
nec moribus ipsis:
Solicitēt animos nocte/
dieq; licet.
Aut si vel recto possunt
conducere fini:
Hæc plusq; finis: sola
petita iuuant.

Quid prodest varios stel-
larū inquirere cursus?
Quid res / et causas nos-
scere in epte petis?

Quid cupis innumeras
discēdo aplectier artes?
Et toto veros orbe
referre situs?

Quid gaudes nodis cun-
ctos vicisse sophistas?

Aut verbis totum detis
nuisse forum?

Si sapias: istorū nil quicq;
pertinet ad te.
Simplicius multo est:
quod didicisse decet.
Vt recte viuas: discas:
mori atq; recte.
Hæc duo sunt nostra: vi-
uimus et morimur.

There is yet in prudence / a nother faulte and cryme
And that is / Whan peple agaynste good reason
Wastyth and spendith / in vayne stody / longe tyme
Serchyngge thynge / exceedynge / theyr dul dyscreccion
For some thynngys / hard be / in inquisicion
Requyrynge great stody / longe season and respyte
yet graunte they no profyte / no plesour noz delyte

For alys they troble / the myndys day and nyght
Of soche as them stody / yet this one thynge is true
Theyr endynge is fruytles / they kno Wyn: gyue no lyght
Theyr studentys to gyde / to maners noz vertue
Oz if th. y co lde do profyte / yll maners to subdue
Oz to purchase vertue / yet lesse / is theyr auayle
Than they gyue in serchyngge / of labour & trauayle

And plesour more they gyue / in serchyngge them onely
Than profyte oz plesour / procedyth consequent
What profythyth it man / to serche besely
The courtys of sterres / hye in the firmament
What helpyth this stody: here is the tyme mysspent
Unwysse man: What wylt thou: bestowe thy dayly cure
Superflously to knowe / the secretys of nature

Oz causys of thynngys / aboue reason humayne
Whiche ar more laborious / and hard / than profitable
Wherto doste thou stody / to purchase and obtrayne
The scientys of artys / oz craftys innumerable
Oz to recount the contrees / and londys varyable
ouer all the world / Where both the londe and nacion
Had theyr fyrst begynnynge / and situation

Wherto dost reioyce / thy wyttys to apply
To resolue / oz argue With wordys superflue
The knottys intrepcate / of bablynge sophistry
In subtyll conclusions / the wysest to subdue
All these / if thou wysse be / are scanly worth a kerwe
What profythyth to stody / in glosynge of the lawe
Syth lawe without good lyfe / is scanty worth a strawe

If thou be wysse / of these / nought longyth vnto the
That thynge / whiche to lerne / to man is more comely
Is greatly more easy / and of more symplecyte
That is / wel to lyue: and to dye ryghtully
These longyth to mankynde: we lyue and we shall dye
These two wele to ordre: to goddys hye pleasour
And helth of our soules: we namely shuld labour

It is a playne stody/pleasant and profytable
 In these both/our stody/to exercyse and yle
 And lyght is that lernynge/iocunde and delectable
 Which sygnifyth to vertue/and vices to refuse
 Wherfore we shulde chesely/both stody thynke and muse
 What may make vs happy/and to good endynge bynge
 And certaynly this stody/is but a easy thyng

Chan/on this poynt groude the/heron pefire thynē hert
 And lerne the playne passage and way to this wysdom
 But whan thou art entred/agayne do nat depart
 But kepe it vntyll thou/to perseyte vertue come
 Solo we nat the maner/of many/whol custom
 Is all they lyfe dayes/continually to spende
 In lernynge of this way/vnto they latter ende

But as myndles wretches neuer enter they the same
 Wyllynge barayne labour/and frutles/soze trauayle
 Alas man abusyd/ho we moch art thou to blame
 In lernynge of this way/what profyte/or auayle
 fyndest thou/or pleasour/but great cause to be wayll
 To lerne wele and lyue yll/of reason thou most graunt
 Thou/for all thy cōnyng/art woyle than ignorant

Some folys offendynge/at som what excusabte
 By reason nat parfyte/and synple ignorance
 But thou haupnge scyence/thyne errour is damnable
 What lernest thou wysdome/by longe cōtynuanace
 Syll blyndly pleueringe/in thyne mys gouernance
 Art thou callyd mayster/goest thou so longe to scole
 To be in thyne lyuynge/moch lewder than a sole

What profytyth/to lerne/that way is so besely
 Wherin/thy lewde costom nat suffreth the to go
 Doest thou/to teche other::the path and way playnly
 And thy selfe in errour/syll wanderynge to and fro
 Say is it nat a foly:and blynde furour also
 The fayre way to heuyn/to men to preche and tell
 Thy selfe wanderynge hedlynge:and wylfully to hell

What warnest thou other:that thou wylt neuer do
 Alas ho we great foly:is it:to take soche payne
 Both nyght and day:watchynge:from stody nat to go
 That at last thy labour:be frutles and barayne
 Certaynly/in lernynge:we spende the tyme in bayne
 Except the dede solo we:all:parfyrely to bynde
 Which we at begynnynge:cōcepyd in our mynde

Est simplex studium: vt
 recte versemur vtroq;
 Et facile est: quod nos
 numerare vtroq; beet.

Ergo prius discas: quid
 te prestare beatum
 Possit: et id toto pecto-
 re fige tuo.
 Disce viam pariter: qua
 perueniatur ad illud.
 Quam simul ingrederes
 perpetuoq; tene.

Nempe viam multi per-
 discunt tempore toto.
 Non tamen amentes in-
 grediuntur iter.
 Quid didicisse viam pro-
 dest: quam pergere nolis.
 Turpius ignaro factus es
 ipse sciens.

Anne via mōstres aliss
 tu deuius erres.
 Et moneas alias: quod
 minus ipse facis.

Quam stultum est totas
 noctes vigilare: diesq;
 Nullius vt fructus sit pa-
 ter ipse labor.
 Sumimus incassum tem-
 pus discendo profecto:
 Actio ni sequitur mentis
 recepta prius.

Actio cum finis discendi
debeat esse:
Plus pete; q̄ discas: vt fa
pienter agas.

Iure igitur miles repre
hendit philosophantē:
Gymnasio damat dū ni
mis ille senex.
Inquit enim miles. Dic
o venerande magister:
Quid sibi clamores / ver
baq; vestra volunt?

A mane ad noctē misce
tis iurgia. nullus
Est alij concors. hic ait:
ille nugat.
Respondit sapiens. O fi
li. quærimus illam
Virtutem. hanc potuit
quærere nemo satis.
Subrisit miles. Iamca
nus: iam moriturus

Es; neq; dum virtus ipsa
repta tibi est:
Quando ergo vteris? quā
do tu præditus illa?
An tibi apud manes illi
us vsus erit?

Disce igitur / q̄tū possis:
præstare gerendo.
Et q̄tū discis: perfice:
req; gere.

Non latet id: potius se
offert querētibus ultro.

Id poterit facili p̄dere
quisq; manu.

Ordo seruand⁹ ne min⁹
dignū p̄ferat digniori.

Syth doinge is the fruyt / and lernynge but the sede
And many / ioy the fruyt / Whiche haue no sede atall
And also syth the ende / of lernynge / is the dede
Than seke to do wysely / mohe chese and pryncypall
Rather than the science of artys lyberall
Better an ydyot / vntaught / and wele luyng
Than a vyceous doctour / yll manered and conynge

Wherfore With good reason / and accorbynge to ryght
The philosopher old / so wde in the scole cryng
Was vnder this maner reproyd of the knyght
Sayd he / Worthely mayster: assure me of this thyng
What meanyth this clamour / What meanith this braw
What mean al these word / al this dyscord & stryfe (linge
As byt wene an husbond / and a fel fro ward wyse

ye brawle and ye bawle / from moynynge vnto nyght
Dyscordynge / One asseymeth / another doth deny
The sage philosopher / than answered to the knyght
O son We indeby: and dayly vs apply
In sekynge of vertue / and trouth / thus besely
No man hath bene abyll / in tymes without mynde
I noughe these to serche / no: perfectly to fynde

The knyght in scoone smyled / and to the sage thus sayde
No we art thou gray hered / and tournynge to the groude
And redde for to dye / and as a man dysmayde
Haste thou nat yet / vertu / With all thy / stody founde
What tyme shalt thou vse it / to lyue as thou art bounde
What tyme shalt thy stody / the With the same indue
Syth no we in latter age / thou sekest for vertue

What thyng is thy purpose / What thynkest in thy mynde
In a nother worlde / this vertue for to vse
A stra we for thy stody / thy / reason is but blyude
To waste tyme in wordes / and on no dede to muse
But agayne to purpose: Therfore reder refuse
Supfluous stody / and care superflous
And tourne thy chese stody / to dedys vertuous

This lernynge belongynge to gettyng of vertue
Is nat obscure / secrete / dyffuse no: palliate
But clere / playne / and oppyn: It selfe redde to the we
To soche as it serchyth / o: Wylly inuestygate
The tre of this science / With braunchys deaurate
Extendyth nat it selfe / in altytude so hye
But that man may gather / the fruyte ryght easely

¶ The order of thynges requysite in prudence.

Herthermore this longyth vnto the man prudent
 To ponder al/ his dedys / and Warkys in balance
 Of reason: With due order/ mete and conuenient
 Endeuyr: fyrst thy selfe/ to make chese purueance
 For moost weyghty thyngys: and greatest of substance
 And than lyghter maters/ of lesse dysfyculte
 Prouyde in dwe order/ as they ar in degre

It is nat thyng lefull/ from mynde to ser a lyde
 Thy dere Wyre and chyl dren: Without ayde: cōfortles
 And for thy frende folke/ and seruanty to prouyde
 And certayne that persone/ Wele may we call Wytes
 Whiche With to moche stody/ faste sekynge bayne ryches
 As a couetous Wretche/ commyttyth Wylfully
 His so Wle/ lyfe/ and body/ to mortall leopardy

For man sholde nat commyt/ vnto perdition
 His so Wle/ Whyle he sekyth/ With mynde voluptuous
 To pleas his frayle body/ With delectacion
 For more than the body/ the so Wle is precyous
 What thinge shulde man repyte/ so dere or sūptuous
 For loue therof/ to lose/ his so Wle: Whose great balour
 Surmountyth and passyth/ all temperall tresour

What profyte is to man/ the Woyle hole to Wyll
 And to suffer in so Wle: soze dedely detryment
 To hell payne adugyd/ for hyle pleasure of syn
 What man shold be so mad/ for this short lyfe present
 Eternally to dye/ and byde endles tourment
 For nought but one moment/ is thy short lyfe vnstable
 If thou haue respect/ to tyme intermynable

A lone sadyng shodo we/ is this lyfe tempozall
 Columpyd as a clo Wde/ chasyd before the Wynde
 But after comyth lyfe/ or deth perpetuall
 After thy deseryng/ thy meryte shalt thou fynde
 Wherefore prudence Warnyth/ inan: this to call to mynde
 And duely hym to gyde/ in order and mesure:
 Of so Wle/ than of body/ haupnge more parfyte cure

Another poynt belongynge/ to vertue of prudence
 The/ stryctly comaundyth/ and chargyth this to do
 Hym chesely to regarde/ With mekest dyligence
 And for hym mooste to do/ Whome thou art most bound to
 And chesely beholdyn: reason commaundith so
 But if thou be gentyll and kynde of thy dealyng
 Than mooste thou thy maker/ prefer aouue all thyng

Præterea officium pruden-
 dentis noscitur illud:
 Ordinis vt serues inter
 agenda modum.
 Prouideas primum: quæ
 sunt grauiora: subinde
 Constituas: digno quæ le-
 uiora loco.

Non decet: vt spretis ca-
 ra cum coniuge natis:
 De pueris cures/ manci-
 pijsq; tuis.
 Nec licet: vt vitā/ simul
 aspernere salutem:
 Dum nimio studio quæ-
 ris auarus opes.

Non aīam perdas: dum
 vis te reddere saluum
 Corpore: plus anima nā
 preciosa tua est.
 Quid tantī facias: aīam
 quo perdere spernas?
 Quæ merces animæ par-
 queat esse tuæ?

Quis sibi præponat me-
 mento viuere paruo:
 Aeternum demens vt ve-
 lit ille mori:
 Nec nisi momentum di-
 ci tua vita moretur:
 Secula si spectes/ et sine
 fine dies.

Fac cui plus debes: cu-
 res plus reddere semp.

Ante tamen gratus om-
 nia pone deum.

Nō licet : officiꝝ memor
vt videaris ab omni:
Immemor ī Christum sis
tamen ipse tuum.
Nō solum aspicias prae-
sentis gaudia vite:
Sed videas : qualis vita
futura tibi est.

Quid magis ē hominis;
q̄ voluere mente futura:
Ne quid cōtingat : quod
grauitate premat.

At vētura quidem mors
est: atq; altera vita:
Quae premet : aut nobis
praemia grata dabit.
Quae veniet : nullas ha-
bitura est tēpore metas.
Sic mala ppetua / vel da-
bit illa bona.

Ast velut haec vmbra / ces-
leriq; similima vento ē:
Sic bona / siue mala dat:
peritura breui.
Hic locus est veniae tan-
tum: dū vescimur aura.
Ius summum nobis alte-
ra vita feret.

Est satis placidos ad tē-
pus ferre labores:
Supplicia aeternis q̄ tol-
lerate rogis.
Molle iugum collo est: si
quod suscepimus vltro.
Inuiti grauius sed patie-
mur onus.

Hic medic⁹ Christus me-
dicatur tristibus egris:
Illic vt iudex fronte ve-
rendus erit.

It is nat sufficient / to cal vnto thy mynde
To do thy full dutye / to euery man ou grounde
And to chryst thy maker for to be founde vnkynde
To Whome: thou by reason / moste spelyally art bounde
For these caduke pleasours / nat onely shold be founde
Prouysion in lyfe / but this chargyth Wylsom
To make prouision / for lyfe after to come

What longyth more to man / than Wyse and Ware to be
And to reuolue in mynde / or oft befoze to caste
All thinges for to come / that no perplexyte
Inuolue hym in troublis / or his Wylt ouercaste
We knowe thynges comynge / by thynges gone and past
And men vs precededynge / abydyn haue no care
But soch may wel utter / than ought we to be Ware

As other haue dyed / in lyke maner shal we
And outhet lyfe / or deth / vs after doth remayne
To rewarde good lyuers / With great felicyte
Or synners to rewarde / With wo / and endles payne
This lyfe is transtytoz / but lyfe comynge certayne
Hath none ende nor mesure / but is interminable
Gyuyng endles pleasour / or paynes perdurable

But this short lyfe present / as shado we fugytyfe
And varienge as fany / erect into the Wynde
Hath no stable plesure / toy / nor prerogatyfe
Nor permanent sozo we / but lone passynge mankynde
Here may man / of trespas / both grace and mercy fynde
And of syn remission / if he be penitent
But after is nought els / but ryght Wyse iugement

Here / is it moche better: more lyght / and tollerable
For short tyme to suffre / lyght labour of penance
Than after to byde payne / of fyer intermynable
And tourment eternall / for our mys gouernance
A lyght Wylful burthyn / is no payne / but plesaunce
Where a Weyghty burthyn / to manys mynde cōtrary
Is greuous sad / heuy / and teduous to cary

Here chryste is a leche / meke and beneuolent
Redy for to comfort / al soche as them amende
Here / is he felician / to lyke and pacient
Redy: salue of grace / and mercy for to sende
But in a nother world / whan this lyfe shal haue ende
As a ryght Wyse iuge / he shal to man apere
Of sentence in fleyble / and reuerende of chere

Terrible to synners/and dreadfull of sentence
 To ryghtwyle men ioyfull:all daunger set asyde
 Wherfoze man aduertyle/this counselltyth prudence
 For this day moſte dreadfull/dyſcretly to prouyde
 Than of thy diſorde/nought can thou cloſe noz hyde
 But thy ſelfe/heuyn/erth/and hel ſhall the accuſe
 Wherfoze on this countis/man ſpecially ſholde muſe

Count thou nothyng caduke/bayne/ſrayle/and tēpozall
 To be great in balour/oz lyftynge man to glozy
 But ſeke that thyng namely/moſte cheſe and pꝛyncipall
 Which duryth eternall/nat bayne noz tranſitory
 And prudence/the charyty/to haue in thy memory
 On tranſitory treaſour/nat moche to ſet thy mynde
 Whiche thou: without proſyte/at laſt ſhall leue behynde

Wiſe tempoꝛall treaſour/whyle thou art lyuyng here
 In charytable dedis/on poze people that fayle
 Lyſt after thy partynge/whan thou art layde on bere
 Thy good ſuperfluous/may lytill the auayle
 Prouyde for hard chauncis/whiche after may aſſayle
 And make ſure prouyſion/in moſte pleaſour and reſt
 For after fay? ſeaſon/of fayleth ſoze tempeſt

Loke alway that thou lyue/constant and ryghtwylly
 Change nat thy lyuyng/from vertue tyll offence
 All yf thou be tangled/with wretched company
 But deſſe the to ſuffer/all payne with patience
 For tyme/for bere folys/this counselltyth prudence
 Whan obſtynate wretches/by doctryne wyl nat amende
 Agayne them/is foly:with woꝛdes to contende

But euer moze be ware/and ſe thou namely fere
 That their coꝛrupte maners/nat alter thy lyuyng
 Dyſpoſe the:them rather/to ſuffer/and for bere
 And parte to conforme the/as aſketh they? dealyng
 As now full of ſadnes/now mery comonyng
 Warynge thy maners/to place/plone and tyme
 But alway concludynge/on vertue:and nat cꝛyme

Thou ſeeſt dyuers wayes/of leadynge to one place
 Thone ſomtyme oppyn/thoother cloſe and ſhyt
 The hand is extendyd/ſomtyme vnder lyke caſe
 And ſomtyme together/agayne cloſyd is it
 But one maner of hande/ſtyll it remaineth yet
 And many other thynges/of bary of ſygure
 Nat changynge in matter/in ſubſtaunce noz nature
 Mancy. C.i.

Non tu magna putes:
 quęcūq; caduca videbis.

Id pete: quod durat; per
 petuumq; manet.

Non etiam ſerues: quę
 ſunt tibi mox peritura;

Ne tibi non proſint;
 ſi qua ſuperfuerint.

Fac iuſte ſemper viuas;
 et iunctus iuiquis:
 Non te commutes: quin
 magis aptus eris.

Tunc vero aptus eris:
 cum iuſtū tēdis ad illud
 Semper: et ad tempus
 ſcis variare vias.

Sępe via eſt duplex: quę
 ad metas ducit eaſdem.
 Altera nunc clauſa eſt:
 altera aperta patet.
 Vt manus in palmā mo-
 po ſe diſtendit: et aprat
 In pngnum rurfus: et tā
 meu vna manet:

Sic prudens semper ius-
sus permanferit idem;
Sed fumet vultus: quos
monet ipsa dies.
Non leuis/vt vêtus: sed
pro re mobilis affis:

Cōstans: non durus: pro-
positiq; tenax.
Nec cito credideris: sue-
rint quęcunq; relata.
Discutias omne: quod
secus esse potest.

Fallitur/et fallit: faci-
les qui cōmodat aures.
Esse a prudente debet
vtrumq; protul.

Sepe fuit verum: quod
res cōficta videtur.
Visaq; res vera: ficta rep-
ta fuit.

Delituit verum quoties
sub imagine falsi?
Et falsum viri imagine
delituit.
Non proprios vultus sē-
per mendacia gestant.
Sape et simplicitas cre-
ditur esse dolus.

Vtq; assentator frontem
sibi sumit amici:
Sic/qui recta monet: sa-
pius hostis habet.

Ryght vnder lyke maner/ blyth the prudent man
Perseuer in his goodnes/ ryght and symplyce
But as tyme requireth/ his chere vary he can
In say: moderat wyle: to myyth or graunte
A wyle man nat semyth/ lyght as the wynde to be
Nowe in and nowe out/ in certayne and vnstable
But as the case requirerh: at certayne tyme mouable

Be constant and stable/ nat harde and obstinate
No wyleman hym shewith/ selfwylled intreatable
Nor in his opinion/ all season indurate
A man of such maners/ vneth is tolleratable
Thynke nat that all talys: at iust and heritable
But wylfully discusse thou/ such thynges as may vary
And from the fyrst report/ proue/ afterwarde contrary

Oft is he disceyued/ and oft dysceyueh he
Whiche to slepyng talys/ to lyght/ is: of credence
The wyle man nat semyth/ a dysceyuer to be
And to be dysceyued/ is sygne of negligence
Excludyd sholde be bothe: from man of clere prudence
How many prynces/ haue fallyn to ruyne
Whiche wolde to hayne talys/ to lyght earys inclyne

Oft thynges semyd fayned/ hath ben certeyne and true
And thynges true and certeyne/ semyd vntrewe and fayned
Whole colour hath causyd/ ryght many/ loze to rewe
For they: honour wastyd/ they: name and fame distayned
Let such hasty credence: therfore be refrayned
And or thou geue credence/ all thynges wylfully discusse
Prudence: for thy profyte: the straitly chargith thus

How oft hath byd treuth/ and symple veryte
Lurkyd vnder ymage/ of fallhode nubilate
And how oft hath fallhode/ semynge symplite
Lurkyd vnder ymage: of treuth: so palpat
Wherby symplite/ oft tyme is byolate
Oft lyes ar clokyd/ aperyng treuth somwhyle
And oft symplite/ beleuyd fraude and gyle

As faynyng flaterer presentith outwardly
In worde and in bylage a frendis countenance
So somtyme a true frende: semyth an ennye
Whyle he sharpely blamyth: the/ for mys gouernaunce
yet wolde he by counsell/ tyll honour the auance
Be circumspect and ware/ for muche better it is
To byde a frendis arger/ than a foes kylle

In hyd thynges doutfull / gyue nat sodayne sentence
 And certeyne Jgement / in thynges incerteyne
 To callers impoortune: of wordes be suspence
 Redoubtyng delays / tyll treuth be tryed playne
 Better so / than Juge / and than reuoke agayne
 In sentence remple / is lesse inuerty
 Than in headlyng sentence / pronouncyd hastily

Whan thou shalte ought / do of inerpert oꝝ newe
 fyrste ponder in thy mynde / reuoluyng belesy
 What maner: and how great / thyng / may therof insue
 Attempt nothyng / weyghty / in haste noꝝ sodayny
 If thynges may byde tary / begyn thou nat rash hely
 For enterprysis rather / hastily / and repentyue
 At chese thynges / byngyng / great markes to ruyne

Therfoze in all dowtis / vse moderate delay
 And that is to be done / best is / a while refrayne
 Inquyringe and serchynge / with wysdome: day by day
 Tyll by continuaunce: at last thou be certayne
 And thyng nat well begon. leaue of / lyghtly agayne
 For better is / be countyd / somwhat presumptuous
 Than negligent / obstynate / wysfull inuicious

Be nat to suspicyous / in all thyng misdemyng
 And yf this fonde errour / withyn thyne hert arys
 Constrayne it for to cesse / for to mysdeme all thynges
 Thou causest the faultles / oft fraudis to deuyse
 And after thy soꝝe damage / also the to dyspse
 Thus fle thou suspeccon: yet gyde the by wysdome
 To be ware and puruay / all thynges for to come

Vse in thy comonyng / other men to tell
 What thynges be ryghtwyle / what way is most laudable
 Them warnyng / and mouyng / to good / by thy counseyll
 Oꝝ to thyne owne person se thou be profitable
 Sekyng the way of trouth: as moche as thou art able
 Whiche oftyn tyme is hyd: and nat lyght to dyscerne
 Thus alway employ the / to teche oꝝ els to lerne

To rude and vnlearned / endeuoyꝝ the to shewe
 With all maner mekenes / loue and benygnyte
 Suche thynges most honest: as they / befoze nat knewe
 Comaunde to the good maners / suche as belonge to the
 Comptted to thy cure: but yf thou lyst to be
 A confoꝝter to mourners / and wretches myserable
 It is a great vertue / and labour comendable

Dancy,

C B.ii.

Non tibi de dubiis feni-
 sentia certa feratur.
 Sed suspensa quidem
 reddere verba potes.

Cum quicq̃ facies: impi-
 mis mente voluta:
 Quātū est / z male quod
 queat inde sequi.
 Nil tibi sit subitum: nsl
 aggrediate tepente:
 Si res est durans: est pa-
 tienſq; more.

Quod dubitas: differ-
 melius suspende parūꝝ:
 Quod geritur: donec tē
 potē certus erit.
 Prēterea quicquid nos-
 scis non iure fuisse
 Inceptum debes defer:
 uisse cito.

Si tibi suspitio fuerit
 subpectore nata:
 Illa quidem cesset: sed
 tamen omne caue.

In sermone tuo vel quæ
 sunt recta mouebis:

Aut rectū quæres: quod
 latuisse solet:

Ignotum rudibus mitis
 monstrabis honestum:
 Præcipies illis: quos
 tua cura regit.
 At; si solatus fueris sua
 damna dolens:
 Non tibi virtutis pars
 mediocris erit.

Laudabilis parce:quem
credas iure probari.
Parcius et damnes: quē
neq; iure probes.
Qui nimīū laudat: blan-
diri nempe videtur.
Qui nimīū damnat: cre-
dita lingua mala est.

Quod verum est: caro
præferri debet amico.
Sit veri species inuio
lata tibi.
Discute quid possis: cū
vis promittere quicq;
Postq̃ promissum est: ple-
nius ipse dabis.

Præteritum spectā tem-
pus: prænoſce futurum:
Vt prudens peragas: nō
ſine laude quod eſt.
Cōmoda præuideas: ſi-
mul ⁊ quę dāna ſequāt;
Vt leuius / quicquid ve-
nerit inde: ſeras.

Non tu ſemper opus fa-
cies: ſed certa laboris
ſit requies: animi pars
erit illa tui.

Non tamen in requie lu-
dat tua dextra fritillo.

Sed ſtudiꝝ cures te
ſatiare cibis.
Segniciem fugias: quan-
do tu cunq; quieſcis:
Verſa alipud mente
tunc pietatis opus.

Aut animo traheſ: quę-
cunq; negotia reſtant.
Plus etenim ſemper mēs
requieta videt.

Cōmende thou in meſure / hym whome thou doeſt bꝛeue
woꝛthy to be prayſed / and of lꝑynge laudable
But moche moze in meſure: and ſcarſly do repꝛeue
Hym whome thou reputeſt / by myſlꝑynge culpable
Who laudyth ouer muche / though man be cōmendable
He ſemyth a flaterer / mayntayner of errour
And to ſoze a blamer: is lyke a detractour

Preferre thou beryte / and treuth befoze thy frende
Set moze by ſupportynge / of treuth / than ampte
Kepe treuth in byolate: as well in dede as mynde
Thy dere frende foꝛ ſake thou: rather than beryte
Dylcuſſe: oꝛ thou pꝛomeſſe / yf thou mayſt abyll be
To perfoꝛme thy pꝛomeſſe: whan onys made is it
Endeuoꝛ: to fulfyll: moze than thou dyd pꝛompt

Take hede to tyme: aſſyde / conſydeꝛ tyme to come
That thou mayſt well oꝛdeꝛ / thyngꝛe pꝛeſent as is beſt
To thy laide and honour / accoꝛdyngꝛe to wyſdome:
With dewe aduſement / conſydeꝛ in thy bꝛeſt
That all thy beſynneſſes / conclude on one thyngꝛe honeſt
And what hurt may folowe / oꝛ thyngꝛes pꝛofitable
So what euer folowe / ſhall be moze tollerable

Be nat a way beſy / in warkes cozpozall
But ſomtyme releaſe th. / of woꝛldly beſynes
Than occuꝛpy thy mynde / muſyngꝛe on thyngꝛe moꝛall
Whyle thy body reſtyth / and is at quyetnes
Some paſtyme of body / is woꝛſe than ydelneſ
As tables contynuall / the cardes / and the dyle
But leaue theſe / and ſtody: frequent and exercyſe

Wꝛyle the body pauſyth / in ſtody and paſtyme
Conuenient foꝛ myndes / as beray goſtely fode
From mynde is expulſyde: blynde mocion to cꝛyme
Whyle the mynde is muſyngꝛe / on thyngꝛe honeſt and good
Beware ſlouth / though labour / hath ſoze chaſyde thy blode
Though thou reſoꝛt to reſt / beware of ydelneſ
In mynde alway muſe thou / on goodly beſynes

Oꝛ caſt in remembꝛaunce / what labour doth remayne
What beſynes reſtyth / oꝛ remayneth behynde
foꝛ as manys ſhadowe / ſheꝛeth moze clere and playne
In ſtremis nat troubyde / by mud grauel oꝛ wynde
So moſte clere perceyꝛuith / a carꝛme and quyet mynde
It haſtyth a dullarde / hym mouyngꝛe to deſyre
To do ſome good labour / whiche vertue doth requyre

A quiet mynde seyth / all hard perplexye
 Determynege do this by thy hand reasonere
 To lye in warthe / in hardy: all hard byfficulte
 And makyth harde labours / plefant and playne appere
 Hollespyng handes / lyghtnyng the mynde and chere
 And byefely / who thynketh all troubles to oppresse
 Let hym his mynde reduce / to rest and quietnesse

At no tyme / it seemeth / the mynde of man prudent
 Innocent to be / solute in ydelnes
 Noz from meditation: remys / or negligent
 Though handes be vacant / from worldly besynes
 Let others offence / nat muche thy mynde oppresse
 And greatly regarde nat: anothers negligence
 But ponder / and repent / thyne owne faute & defence

Loue thou alway to lerne / and ponder thou / nothyng
 Of what man thou lernest / do nat the yson spare
 Demande nathis maners / so thou mayst haue conyng
 Ensewe his doctryne / where ought doth swaue beware
 Of other memys warkys / to take counseyl haue care
 And by their misfortune / take wysdome & doctryne
 By small thyngs knowen / great doth escape ruyne

Lerne by small thynges / greater to proude
 For oftyn by the small / the greater halt thou knowe
 But yf thou lyst intende / youth prudently to gyde
 Consyder fyrste in age / how nature doth by growe
 For: after / though he maners / oft alter / ebbe and flowe
 Off / ende and begynnyng / acordith without fayle
 None makyth twohand swerde / of phyant cowistayle

To make a streyght Jaueyn / of a crabbed tre
 Theron must grete labour / trauayle and art be layde
 Sone crokpyth the same tre / that good canoke wylbe
 As a comon prouerbe / in youth I harde this sayde
 Wherfore ought our iuuent / be prudently conueyde
 With sharpe byt of reason / refrayned from wylde rage
 For soner breke / than bowe great trees of longe age

Whan custome and hse / is tounyde to nature
 And whan yonge myndes / longe tyme rottyd is vice
 It is no small labour: to leaue I the insure
 Wherfore: begyn tymely / vertue to exerceyse
 And so: still perseuer / excludyng all malice
 And to souerayne good: and lyfe pfit: contende
 Remember that all thynges / ar prapred at good ende

Mancy.

C.iii.

Accelerat tardū • pplexū
 digerit omne.

Ft durum mollit • aspera
 plana facit.

Nunq̄ prudens mentem
 decet esse solutam;
 A gestis quīs dextera
 fessa vacet.
 Quid peccent alij: non
 sit tibi maxima cura
 Discere • quid pecces: sit
 tibi cura magis.

Discere semper ama • die
 mittas querere: quis sit:
 A quo per discas • sit dis
 dicisse satis.
 Consilium alterius de
 rebus concipe gists •
 Ex minimis etenim nos
 scere magna potes.

Aetas prima monet: qua
 lis sit quisq̄ futurus •
 Et reliquam vitam iudi
 cat vna dies.

Non dicti aut facti quisq;
te mouerit auctor.
Sed tantum motus sis
ratione rei.

Nec tibi plus placias
quia multis forte
placebis.
Id specta potius: qualis
bus ipse places.

Illud fac quæras: quod
non reperire negari est.
Et teta: vt discas: quod
modo scire licet.

Illa etiam exoptes: quæ
coram optare licebit
Turpe est: quod nequeas
concupisse palam.
Alta nimis caueas. vbi
fit: res: ate: tremendum:
Aut si descendas: imul-
ta timenda putes.

Regarde nat the doer / nð: auctour of the dede
To say o: do lyke hym / fo: his auctozite
But to the thyng it selfe / with good reason gyue hede
If it be laudable / and sounde to honeste
Than solo we thou the same / o: els se thou it fle
Better sue a begger / in good thyng laudable
Than baron o: burgays: in thynges reprouable

All yf thou pleas many: though many the comende
Stand in thyne owne conceyt: therfoze nothyng the moze
But what men thou pleasist: aduert and well intende
If they be laudable / than mayst thou soy therfoze
That good men / count the good / be they tyche o: poze
If il men comende the: it is nothyng laudable
But euident tokyn: thou art to them semblable

Of yll men: it is prayse / disprayed fo: to be
Fo: playne it aperith / by they: malysce and yze
They: lyfe / and thy lyuyng / in one doth nat agre
But at playne repugnāt / as water agayne fyre
Requyre thou / that cūnyng: and that knowlege desyre
Whiche is nat denyed / to knowlege of mankynde
And letne that is lesfull / and profite fo: mankynde

No: coueit nought / in mynde / in wyllthyng secretly
But that: thou with reason: myght openly desyre
It is thyng dishonest / and fals / he certaynly
Thynges impossible / to coueyt o: requyre
And than yf they come nat: to bzen in wrath and yze
Of thynges ouer hye: se thou alway beware
Where vnstable standyng / oft troubltyth with great care

Thet oppys of mountayns / with lpyghtnyng ar bzent
Moze oft than lowe baleys / small streamis ar moste pure
So hyst degrees: haue troubles and tourment
And myndes bnquiete / beryd with dyuers cure
Where symple pouertie / is glad quyetie and sure
Than coueit nat to hye / and to mynde se thou call
Whiche is to be feryd / yf thou by fortune fall

He slepith moste surely: whiche is nerest the grounde
But namely in tempest: when stormy wyndes blowe
The formest in batayle: is nerest dedly wounde
The grounde is in quiete / whyle sees ebbe and flowe
Some troubltyd with tempest / with wawes hye and lowe
But playnly fo: to speke / who wolde assende to hye
Is wety of welfare / and sekpyth mysery

Who wadith to power/oz clymmith tpyll honour
 He clymmith to daunger/as blynde/led by a lynce
 Of errour: vnto thought: drede/enuy and dolour
 Hauynge for one pleasour/dyspleasours. butt. oz nyne
 Honour is a castell/styll manacynge ruyn
 With smoke/sounde/ & perill/hauynge more greuous fall
 Than a symple lodge/oz cotage pastozall

Wherfore on suffysaunce/set thy pleasour and ioy
 And coueit nat to clyme/sith lowe rowmys ar best
 But all thy chere stody/labour/and thought employ
 To come to suche rowme/where thou mayst fynde sure rest
 Some rowmys to purchase /may be counted honer
 For honour is duple: of wylmen: and prudent
 But measure is meane/whiche ought the to content

Whan thou haste suffysaunce/cesse & with drawe thy hande
 A man may ouer lade/a myghty stronge camell
 That vnder suche burthyn/hell shall nat go nor stande
 Wherfore/in this matter/do thou by my counseyl
 Whan thou haste sure substaunce/for lyfe prouyde well
 By prudence in mesure/and nothyng excepyue
 Than seeke that: for whose sake :god gaue to the lyfe

God haue the nat thy lyfe/ to gather bayne ryches
 To wyne/ nor yet to waste/this treaour transpory
 But to purchase vertue/fayre maners and goodnes
 And by suche meryte/to come to ioy and glozy
 Than serue nat dome ryches/whiche blyndeth the memozy
 By couetyse/to ryches/se thou nat subiect be
 But vse it in thy lyfe/as subiect vnto the

A yue thou byppon hyll/as thou wolde lyue in hall
 What thou woldest nat do/in oppyn company
 That do thou nat alone/note that god seeth all
 He syttith and seeth/whan thou thou art solytary
 Wherfore: in all placis/fle euery bylany
 Of dedis/of wordes/of small thoughtes be purt
 Tpyll laudable costome/be tournyd to nature

Whan fortune shall flatter: with paynted countenance
 And shewe the smyllynge there/by faynt prosperite
 Than specially beware/make surest purueance
 For nere in cours /comyth care and aduersyte
 Note fortune is volage:hauynge no certente
 When wylse/counte lowe fortune/more sure and tollerable
 Than prosperous fortune/vnsure and variabile

*Il luc intendas netuos/
 cunctosq; labores:
 Quo si peruenias:sit
 tibi parata quies.
 Sūt quēdam merito quę
 perquisisse probere:
 Sed /cum sat fuerit:est
 retinenda manus.*

*Cum tibi pro vita fuerit
 quasita facultas:
 Id queras:pro quo vita
 tributa ibi est.*

*Non opibus mutis sue
 ris famulatus auarus.
 Sed vitę famulas semp
 habebis opes.*

*Quicquid non faceres:
 si pręsens arbiter esset:
 Non magis id facias:
 hoc quia testecares.*

*Cum tibi redibit vultu
 fortuna secundo:
 Vtere consilijs tunc ma
 gis/atq; magis.*

Nam velut i lubrico ne-
queūt cōsistere plantæ:
Sic solet et felix perdes-
re sæpe modum,

Nec magis a falsis nas-
uis gemit acta procellis
Quam ratio i multa pro-
speritate gemat.
Propterea placide dum
spirant flatibus aurg:

Nō quocunq; lubet: sed
loca tuta pete.
Sæpe mari placido sco-
puli latuere sub vnda.
Sæpeq; per scopulos læ-
sa catina fuit.

Aequore trāquillo dum
currūt carbasa plena:
Improuisa venit sæpe
procella iutens.

Fallere te nullus vult:
qui tibi dura minatur.

Sed magist/vt caueas:
turbidus ille monet.
Fallimur a placidis ver-
bis/vultuq; sereno:

Cum sapido capimus sæ-
pe venena cibo.
Sic solet arridens mul-
tis fortuna nocere:
In quos turbata nō fuit
illa potens.

As after harde fortune: succedith eas agayne
After payne is plesour/ who can the same abyde
So after great pleasour succedith wo and peyne
As on asyppet grounde/ oft/ man doth fall o: shyde
So prosperous fortune:/ is veray harde to gyde
Sedome where is welth/ can vertue longe indure
Whan man is fortunate/ oft losith he measure

As a shyppe is tossyd/ and daryen in tempest
Out of cours and compase: from place where it shuld be
So tossyd is reason/ from ryghtwyle cours and rest
By welth in habundaunce/ and great prosperite
Therfore in carme season: and sure tranquylte
Apoynt the for tempest: no: wander nat at wyl
But drave the to sure port/ where wyndes ar moze still

Oft vnder carme se: s/ ar perills many one
As swalons/ quych sondis/ and fordyss peryllous
Hyd banks of grauell/ and great rockis of stone
So lutyth great daungers/ in fortune prosperous
Oft fall to deyne stormis/ and tempest ieydous
Whyle vnder full sayle: in carme wynde and plesant
The shyppe surely fletith/ no daunger attendant

As the shyppe is haulyd/ by cours improuyde
By such secrete daungers/ in moste tranquylte
So welth/ oft man causith /to wander negligent
Foreseyng no perylls: no: none aduersyte
So great is the byndnes/ of hayne prosperyte
Wherfor man / aduylse the with wit substancyall
In welth to prouyde the/ for peryll that may fall

One thzetyd (as is sayd) halfe armyd is and sure
And may make prouision: his enemy to defy
He wyl nat disceyue the: whiche is of that nature
With harde crakynge/ wordes to thzetyyn oppny
But rather he warnyth/ the to be ware therby
Fayre wordes bs disceyue: with smyllynge comitenaunce
Suche seke after season/ and tyme of vengeance

A counterfeit frende/ with paynted speche ornate
By fals sayned fauour/ disceyueith worst of all
As man takyth popson/ with meatis delcete
And with drynke delictous/ some benym and mortall
Ryght so/ fortune smyllynge/ disceyueith vnder pall
And many one/ she greuyth/ in moste prosperyte
In whome she had ryght/ in harde aduersyte

Seke after company/as moche as thou art able
After thy behauour /thy maners and degre
Of stody and desyre/vnto thy selfe semblable
If thou suche frequent/thou hast tranquylte
But for lacke of knowlege/yf the fortune to be
In compaoy of suche/as ar to the contrary
By malyce/or enuy/ yet do nat shortly vary

Perseuer and assay/by longe contynuaunce
If thou mayst by doctryne/reduce them from malice
From bestiall excessse/and wylfull ignorance
To vertue and lernynge/from disorder and byce
But after longe labours/yf suche the dyspyle
And yf for thy doctryne/dyspleasour thou doest wyne
Chanfle and forsake them/ inuoluyd in theyr syn

And rest nat tyll thou fynde/a place where as is rest
For where enuy reynnith/is no tranquylte
By many ignorant/one lerned/is opprest
Proude and blynde ambition: gapynge for dignyte
Suspectith a louer/of wylfull pouertie
And ydelnes contemnyth/stody and diligence
For lyke vnto lyke wyl/oz ought so: by prudence

What shulde an hardy knyght be felowe tyll a knave
Or with a tryflynge tyncarde/a cleue companyon
A mason with masons/moste sure pleasour shall haue
A paynter with paynters/is best companyon
And of other craftis/in lyke condicion
A dyamant in donge/is nat fayre to beholde
It losyth the beawty/excepte it be in golde

Therefore nowe concludynge/suche man as thou wylt be
Endeuor: thou thy selfe/with all thy diligence
With suche to retort/to suche drawe thou the
Than shall thynne exerceyse/haue laude and reuerence
Thus haue we describyd/the parson of prudence
Nowe wyte we of Iustice/and her gyftes pleasant
By whome the worlde/in loue is toynd constant

Thus endyth the descripcion of the fyrst Cardynall
vertue called Prudens: And begynneth to
be treatyd of the Seconde Cardynall vertue na
myd Iustyce.

Of iustyce.

Vit patuit prudens sed
iam nunc munera dicā
Iusticiæ: per quam necti
tur orbis amor.

De iusticia.

Iusticia est qñdam natura
 sancti omnis
 Quæ iubet: vt proficiat
 auxiliūq; ferat.
 Inter mortales sic munda
 vincula nectit:
 Humanū vt seruet for-
 la/vel illa: genus.

Vtile non quæras: an
 sit: quod iusserit illa.
 Nam quicquid iubeat:
 vtile semper erit.
 Iusticię primæ partes
 sunt reddere honorem
 Christo: qui nobis om-
 nia/seq; dedit.

Ergo / si quis erit gau-
 dens cognomine iusti:
 Ille deum imprimis reli-
 giosus amet.
 Sic amet ille deum: q; cō-
 tra dignus amari:
 Quod sibi sit merito
 gratia parte dei.

Esse deo gratus poterit/
 quicunq; nocere
 Vult: nulli: et cunctis
 vtilis esse cupit.
 Sic deus est: homini qui
 nulli lumina solis
 Denegat in terris sit li-
 cet vsq; malus.

Non plene officium iusti
 compleuerit ille:
 Qui nulli prodest: qui
 neq; prorsus obest.
 Quippe requirit opus/
 q; sit laudabile: virtus.
 Non habet illa satis
 abstinuisse malis.

Iustice is a certayne merite / or oꝛdynaunce
 Ryghtwyle and hely / belongynge to nature
 Cōmaundynge man to loue / to profite / or auaunce
 To helpe and socour / eche humayne creature
 This iustyce consoyneth: bondes of loue / so sure
 Bytwene all men mortall: that it onely certayne
 Both preferue in oꝛder / or kepe lynage humayne

Demaunde nat / yf that be / thyng of brylyte
 Whiche Iustyce cōmaundith: for certes without fable
 Nothyng it cōmandeth / but ryght and equyte
 What euer it doth charge / is alway profitable
 The pꝛncipall partes / of Iustyce moste laudable
 Is for to geue honour / and laudes: as is diuine
 A boue other thynges / vnto our loꝛde Iesu

Whiche of his great mercy / meke and beneuolent
 Hath gyuen vs hym selfe / to be our sauour
 And all other thynges / for vs conuenient
 Wherfor we haue byn / of ryght hym to honour
 Without comparyson / before all bayne trefour
 And who that perfectly / fulfylleth nat this same
 Of a ryghtwyle parson / deserueth nat the name

What man wyl inoy name / of a ryghtwyle man
 Must fynde loue / and honour: deuout / and constantly
 Our sauour (as is sayd) as moche as euer he can
 And so must he loue god with spꝛyt feruently
 That he of godd's loue / agayne may be worthy
 And dygne to deserue / by sauour to purchace
 Of our loꝛde / and make / his mercy / and his grace

Thus shal our loue / and seruice / be to god / acceptable
 If we to no parson / do wronge / nor injury
 But be to all people / iust: meke: and profitable
 For so: god to manys: of infynyte mercy
 Whiche the sonys bryghtnes / to no man doth deny
 But suffreth it thynne: both on good men and yll
 Nat yeldynge myghty uers: after they: fro warde wyl

The duty of one ryghtwyle / that man doth nat fulfyl
 Whiche is to no parson / helppynge: nor profitable
 Though he do to no man hurt / nother good nor yll
 For vertue requirith / some warke or dede laudable
 It is nat contentyd / man nat to be culpable
 Of man is requirid: and askyd: of vertue
 Both to do good dedes / and all byces elche we

We be nat borne/onely/for our pryncate profyte
 But eche man is bounden/another for to socour
 For as prudent plato/ playne doth recorde and wyte
 One man/for another/is borne:every hour
 And tyme/to be redy/refusynge no labour
 To confort/to counseyl/and socour one an other
 Both true/glad/and redy as brother unto brother

In resonable beasty/oft tymes do this same
 Than muche more sholde man:to man be profitable
 Or els: yf he be nat:he greatly/is to blame
 That is a foule vilayne/and choyle abhomyable
 Whiche to his owne pson:is onely charitable
 And on his onely pfite/doth onely muse and thynke
 Carynge for none other/whether they flete or synke

But one maner reason/noz yet one maner way
 To helpe one an other/is nat comon to all
 Eche man hath his maner/and power to puruay
 And helpe/other neddy/by confort fraternall
 Some man hath great ryches/he may be lyberall
 The stronge man hath power/wayke wretches to defende
 The wyle man hath counsell/that sholde he wylly spende

In redressynge errors/infourmyngre ignorant
 And openynge the passage/to vertue and goodnes
 If thou canst nat socour/with wit/noz myght puyllant
 At leste way be redy/to confort with rychesse
 Or yf thou want ryches/yet mayst thou neuer thelesse
 Confort the poze carefull/with counseyl or labour
 By one meane or other/so mayst thou gyue socour

Or yf thou sayle counseyl/or haue no good to spende
 At least thou hast courage/audacyte and myght
 From tyrannys extorcion/good people to defende
 And to bestowe thy blode/in mayntenaunce of ryght
 This poynt moste concernyth the pson of a knyght
 For ryght/sayth and Justice/fatherles/wydwes good
 For maydes/kynge/and countrey/boldly to spend his blode

To dye in suche quarell/is honour fame and glozy
 Suche deth is mozt immortal/and entrynge into lyfe
 To hym and his lynage ppetuall memozy
 Sholde aualyant knyght/for drede of spere or knyfe
 Lose so great a trypmpe:fame and prerogatyfe
 Who dare nat for Justice/poze:fame/and glozy fyght
 Ought/certes/be countyd/a coward/ard no knyght

Nō sumus ad nostra passi
 tantum cōmoda nati.
 Ferre alijs gratiam quā
 tenetur opem.
 Nati homines hominū
 causa sūt (teste Platone,
 Vt sese faciles vltrogi-
 troq; iuuent.

Nec ratio ē simplex/aut
 omnibus vna iuuandi.
 Auxilij cuiq; propria
 causa data est.
 Si nequeas opibus quēq;
 rebusq; iuuare;
 Ast opera saltem/consi-
 liisq; iuues.

Quin etiam poteris for-
 tis prohibere nocentes:
 Ne lædant grauius viq;
 dolisq; bonos.

Nec minus hortando/so
lando: tumq; monendo:
Iurgando. & multos ipse
iuuare potes.

Sed gradus officiis dan
dis seruandus: & ordo est.
Ordine nam cuncta splen
didiora nitent.
Quippe deo primum de
bes persoluere cultum.
Pone deū poscit patria
prima locum.

Hinc natos carosq; tuos
Tueare parentes.
Post tibi quos sanguis:
quos quoq; iūxit amor.

Nec quos paupertas: quos
morbus quosue senectus
Oppressit: spernas. sed
miserere magis.
Inter et hos si quos mo
rū cōmendat honestas

Hos oculis proprius in
tueare tuis.
Sunt etiam qui te quon
dam iuuere: iuuandi.
Sed referant fœvus tūc
in amore vices.

Beside all these poyntis/ yet wayes be there mo
To socour: and to helpe/ the seke/ soze and poze
As carefull conforthyng/ them easynge of theyr wo
And whan hurt apperith/ warnynge a man before
And some for theyr byces/ blamyng with wordes soze
And some sayr exorothyng/ thus none is excusable
Who none of all these hath/ is wretched and myserable

But in doyng duties/ or beyng profitable
Hoste thesly beholdyn/ due ordre and degre
For order obserued/ all thyng is moze laudable
Moze comely and pleasant/ that they shulde els be
Fyrst to thou thy dutye/ to god omnyppotent
Next god: to thy cōtre/ be trewe and dyligent

To counseyl/ to socour/ and the same to defende
So doyng: thou h. Apist: thy selfe: ye and all thyne
For thy londe and cōtre/ all these doth cōprehende
And all these dothe persythe/ yf it go to ruyne
Than nexte helpe thy chyldren/ and other of thy lyne
But namely thy parent/ moste lefe and dere to the
Than kynred/ and louers/ eche after theyr degre

And whan thou hast prouyd/ a frende fepthfull and stable
Whiche hardc is to be founde/ yet suche one yf thou fynde
Also be thou fapthfull/ iure/ and nat baryable
To hym/ as to thone parte/ and kepar of thy mynde
Aought may be compared to frende lounynge and kynde
Thy chese frende/ is Iesu/ whiche put for the his lyfe
So wolde nat/ thy father: sone/ doughter/ nor thy wyfe

Do spyle nat suche frend/ but haue thou moste pyte
Of seke/ and aged/ or opzessed with nede
And pouerte: syth suche haue moste necessity
Therfore thou sholde namely/ them cōfort/ clothe & fede
Thou must amonge these/ consyder and take hede
If any somtyme flowynge/ in welthe/ and honest lyfe
Be fall to pouertie/ lyuyng in care pensyfe

With thyne owne epen/ beholde suche pytie
And in thy prop person/ them conforzte and restoze
To theyr olde estate/ as moche as in the
Soche as in tyme passed/ haue holpyn the before
Restoze thou them agayne/ nat lesse: but rather moze
For theyr one good dede/ with two them recōpence
This longyth to largesse/ and hye magnifycence

Hesiodus/the greke/gaue this comaundement
If thou wylt be countyd/gentyll and lyberall
Solo we fullsome fel dys/habundant of frument
O: a soyle wele berynge/fruttfull and saye With all
Whiche al way be gentyll/in maner/prodigall
fo: one lytyll mesure/of seide/o: els twayne
To they: lordes renderynge/a scoze dubled ageyne

yet restyth one errour: Which must be notyd here
Wherof thou must be ware/ys thou be comendable
Uncover nat the churche/ther with to mende the quere
Spoyl nat a multitude: of peple miserable
To one o: two persones/fo: to be profytable
No vertu is la wydd/Which grounde is on byce
Of thynges stolne/acceptyth/our lord be no sacryfyle

Prouyde thou in lyke wyse / that whyle thou dost intēde
Quet gentyll lyberall/benygne/courteys and fre
To many men to be/and all thy good thus spende
Nylt thy selfe begge of other/by harde necessitye
fo: often in the world/this thynges prouydyd wese
That whan the prodygall/and waster hath all spent
He beggyth/o: stelyth/by wayes fraudulent

O: if he shame to begge/o: fere to robbe o: steale
Than turneth he to fraude/and crafty cheuesauce
Of all men bozo wynges/on suerete: othe/o: scale
At last hym/With other/so byngynge to vtterauce
Gyue the nat to rappyne/thyne honour to auance
Thou shulde nat byolate/iustyce/in any thynges
Though thou knowe/therby/fo: to be made a kynge

It is nat full ynough/fo: one lounge iustyce
fo: from hys mynde to cast: Wzonge and extorcyon
But fraude/and gyle/must he in lyke maner despyse
fraude longyth to the fox: and myght: to the lyon
Let byrte beastys solo we/beastly condycyon
Gyle fraude no: extorcyon/belongyth in no wyse
To men lounge vertue/good maners o: Iustyce

But amonge all peple/no man is moze damnable
Than he which resemblyth/a shepe/fo:th in the skyn
But by cruel purpose/and maners deceyuable
He is in veray dede/a raggyng Wolfe within
A man doth nat onely/Wzonge/iniury and syn
In dedys: But in wordes/is also iniury
Accusynge/o: slaunderynge/the gyltes Wzongfully
Hancy. D.i.

Vt iubet Hesiodus: eam
posimittere feraces:
Semina qui domino mul-
tiplicata ferunt.

Est tamen: vt caueas: ne/
dum sis vtilis vni:
Id damno alterius fece-
ris/atq; malo.

Prouideas pariter: dum
vis nimis esse benignus:
Ne tibi res desit: atq; a-
liena petas.
Sæpe etenim censu con-
sumpto prodigus omni
Aut rapit: aut turpē cō-
trahit ipse notam.

Non / etiam vt magnæ
fias: te dede rapinæ.
Nā neq; quo regnes: ius
violare licet.

Nectantum a iusto vio-
lentia longius absit:
Sed fraus; atq; dolus de-
bet abesse procul.
Vulpeculæ fraus est: vis
est innata leoni.
Vtraq; sed iustis est alie-
na viris.

Qui populo ex omni nū-
lus capitalior illo:
Qui lupus est intus: pel-
le videtur ouis.
Nec solum factis: fit sæ-
pe iniuria verbis:
Obiectes si cui crimina
falsa reo.

Quod verum est: semper
profert: semperq; tuere
Sic: nihil vt vero tu ve-
nerere magis.
Nec verū credas viola-
ri posse negando:
Quin sic religio est: tum
violata fides.

Nam licet in testem non
sit deus ipse vocatus:
Attamen is custos vltro-
q; testis adest.
Et si quando licet men-
tiri: forte licebit
Tantum: vt vera sint
manifesta magis.

Quiq; fidē vt seruet: fue-
rit non vera locutus:
Forſitan est veniam dig-
nus habere suam.
Est seruenda fides sic: vt
constantia semper
Assit pollicitis: praestag
sancta: velis.

Sape tamen fateor tem-
pus cōtingere posse:
Quod neq; dānandū sit
violare fidem.
Vt quia promittam tibi:
quod non vtile fiat:
Aut mihi plus noceat / q̃
tua facta iuuēt.

Theseus oprasset Nep-
tunum pacta negaret
Cum taxit miserum our-
ribus hippolytum,

Non cōmissa sibi iustus
secrēta loquatur.
Sed taceat: quicquid nō
licet ore loqui.
Vocibus ambiguīs litis
non semina iactes.
Iudicium certū sed ma-
gis ore feras.

Therefore: refrayne thy selfe: fro Wrong in Worde & dede
And speke that is ryght wyse: playne trowth and equite
In trowth styll defendynge great is thy laude and mede
So that thou nought worshyp: so moche as veryste
No: thynke thou nat: that trowth byolate may be
But that in lyke mader: both fayth and conscience
With trowth: delytyd: and sufferyth byolence

In trowth: thoughe to wytnes: man do nat call our lord
yet is he defender: of trowth and Wyllyngly
And thus is he wytes: of hys owne accorde
So: the trowth dyspysyd: our lord is semblably
And if it be lafull: at any tyme to lye
O: contrary the trowth: parchaunce it so may be
More oppnly to tpe: the trowth and veryste

And he paraenture: is worthy of pardon
Whiche to kepe his promys: forberyth to say trowth
As if he: constrayned: before to some persone
To kepe some thyng secrete: hath boude hym self by oth
Whan: to breke hys promys: moste comonly is loth
For sure oth and promysse: requyryth great constauce
And couenauntis requyre: troth and perseuerance

I graunt that often tyme: suche chaunce & tyme may fall
That to breke thy promys: by oth assymyd stable
Is nat to be dampned: no: blamyd nough: at all
But rather allo wed: of wyse men resonable
As thyngge promysyd: to none is profytable
To the lyttell auayle: and great dammage to me
No syn if suche promys: nat parfourned shalbe

Theseus shulde haue: desyred that Neptune
wolde haue brokyn promys: & made his word vnstable
Whan he With Wylde horses: for cause nat oportune
Drewe Hippolytus: to deth moste myserable
Accusyd of phedra: and nat beyng culpable
As innocent Ioseph: in egypt Was some tyme
Of a quean accusyd: hy: selfe in all the cryme

If out be comytted / to the in pryuate
O: in secrete counsell: do nat the same dysclose
As thy selfe wolde haue: one secret vnto the
So thy selfe o: ther: in mynde and tonge purpose
Do nat do full wordes: within thy mynde cōpose
Whiche btttered may be cause / of anger o: dyscorde
But playne comon langage frequent at euery worde

Speke so / that none construe / thy Wordes fro Wardly
 Or if thou haue no cause / to speke / than kepe scylence
 For a chattering tonge / and bablynge besely
 Hath often tyme raylyd / great inconuenience
 Agayne it selfe and other / comyttinge great offence
 By Wordes superflue / a sole is knowen playne
 Where Wyle men / by reason / they tonges can refrayn

If thou / haue / comittyd at any tyme to the
 Cure of a comon Welle / to chastyse euery byce
 Or yf thou haue householde / or meny / in plente
 Be bold / transgressours / for fauours to chastyse
 And amonge them: al way / to gyde the by iustyse
 For it is no praylynge / to be to fauorable
 Nor: yet to be countyd / a tyran intretable

For Whyle thou haste tyl one / immoderate pyte
 By loue / or neglygence: or parciall fauour
 Thou cauyst many syn: by Wylde audacyte
 yet nought doest thou profyte / that one in his errour
 But many dost thou hurte: Thy cause is hard and lour
 For What: many synneth by thy remys sufferance
 Thy selfe art in faute / and worthy vengeance

And for all they fauours / by ryght / art thou culpable
 And for they offencys / shalt by de punicion
 But head offycers / to loche at fauorable
 Whome / they nat wyll chastyse / for they transgressio
 fauour / is a mylde rod of execucion
 Of lawe / ryght and iustyce / some sugys mankyng blynde
 That they / seynge iustyce / wyll it nat se / nor fynde

Oft / iustyce is closed / and captyue in pryson
 Within thye folde dozys / that no man may hyr se
 Mede / fauour / and fayre / denyeth hyr raunson
 So keepynge hyr / ofryn / styll in captyuete
 And oft these by fauour / set hyr at lyberte
 To Wrnder at hyr Wyl / in placys reprouable
 Hyr eyen blyndfelyd / by meanys dyscepuable

More playnly to pronounce / la we hath no lyberte
 Without mede / or money / or fauour parcyall
 But fere / oft hyr keepyth / in Wzonge captyuete
 In stede of trewe iustyce / these gouerne ouerall
 For soth he subuertyth: great cyties pryncypall
 And copanyes of men: Which blyndly sparyth byce
 Nat scourgyng mydoers / by la we / ryght and iustyce

Hancy. D. ii:

Aut potius tacias: cum
 non sit causa loquendi.
 Sæpe sibi / atq; alijs gar-
 rula lingua nocet.

Publica si quâdo tibi sit
 commissâ potestas:
 Aut si turba tuâ sit nu-
 merosa domi:
 Corrige: quem faciniosus:
 quæ reddit culpa nocetæ.
 Non laus est: leuissimæ res-
 putere nimis.

Nam peccare facit mul-
 tos: qui ignouerit unus:
 Dum unus ne prodest plu-
 ribus ille nocet.
 Quicquid peccabunt mul-
 ti: te dant: fauorem:

Cunctorum fures crimi-
 nis ipse reus.
 Sed fauet is: si quis non
 punit crimina præses.
 Iudicis est nimius virga
 benigna fauor.

Subruit ille hominum
 cœtus: et subruit vrbes:
 Per quæ iusta malis pos-
 sa remissa fuit.

Subruit: et flāmam qui
multā spargit in ēdes:
Aut remouet portis/hoc
ste premente:feras.
Non erit hic lenis ciuis/
princepsve vocandus.
Sed dici potius pestifer
ille potest.

Non tamē in pœnis mē
furam excedere fas est.
Est pulchrum rebus om
nibus esse modum.
Supplicium sumens: nō
sis immitis jet asper:
Lætus vt alterius tu vi
deare malo.

Sed plecte inuitus: velu
ti sis tractus ad illud .
Officium: et doleas tan
ra patrasse reum.
Quin quoq: si plures ea
dem dat causa nocētes:
Non illū absoluas: hūc
retinere velis.

Non pœna afficias hos:
dum tu munere donas
Illos: quos facinus argu
it illud idem.

Improbitas eadē pœnā
patiaturs eandem.

Nec genitrix huius: illi
us hostis eris.

Sic fert solers quas nec
tit aranae telas:
Solum pro minimis fi
la parata:feris.
Si veniat scabro maio
ris ponderis: illas
Perfringit telas: dilace
ratq: leues.

As he sone subuerteth olde to Wyns of great name
Whiche oppynyth the gates/to foes byolent
And castyth on ho Wfys/great fyre lytenynge in flame
So iugys forgyuynge/deleruyd punysshement
Subuerteth great to Wnes/and cyties excellent
Soche ought nat be called/prynces/noz cytyzens
But moſte mortall foes/and maynteners of syns

yet is it nat la Wfull/in payne to paste measure
Oz rage in punysshement/as tyran intretable
Syth fraple hnto trespas/is all humayn nature
A fapre mean is measure/in all thyng comendable
Wherfoe in chastysynge/be nat to vengeable
Unmercyfull and sharpe/as toynynge in thy rage
Of anothers rupne/confusion and dammage

But punyssheth as one pensyf/nat Wyllynge/but dolent
Bs both fo2 to punyssheth/constrayned to the same
And so2o we/that synners/delerue suche punysshement
With so great trasgression/hurtyng the? so Wle & name
If many trespassers/be all as one to blame
And in one cause and cryme/be all in lyke culpeable
Let nat one escape the/a nother byde instable

Let thou/nat one go fr/ an other pay fo2 all
Oz the lesse transgressour/haue greatest punysshement
Further nat one Wretche/of Wyt and substance small
Promotyng another/stronge these/moze byolent
This is no good iustyce/tyght la We /noz iugement
Let one fa Wt/oz fo2 fapre/haue punysshement semblable
Be egally/to all/tyght Wyle/oz fauozable

She We the nat/to some/in maner of a mother
To some as a emny/oz fo2 most byolent
Though thou this day iuge/consyder that a nother
Parchaunce shall to mo2o we/cyt on thy iugement
Endeuoy2 the therfore/to be indyfferent
Be nat to regozous/noz yet ouer remys
But iuge thou With mercy/lyke as the matter is

Murder nat small theues/lettyng greater theues go
Without erecucion/fo2 fere/fauoz oz mede
So men say/the spyder/hath custom fo2 to do
Whith hy2 Webbys framyd/of artyficy all threde
To tangell lyttell flies/onely he takyth hede
But if there come a hoznet/a doze oz gretter flye
They bryke the lyght Webbys/& so fo2 the passe they fce

By: Webbys dependant/ onely inuoluyth in
 The small lyttyll flyes/ as dayly we may se
 Whose lyues doth perysshe With murmur and small dyn
 Ryght to the symple Wretche/ lyuyng in pouerte
 Hath rygour of the lawe With moste extremyte
 But the ryche tyran offendynge passyth equite
 Fre/lo Wlyd by the lawe: o Wzonge custume and ryte

O custom execrable and greuous pzeiudyce
 So these thre fell tyrans/ fere/ money and fauour
 Oft tymes vse to bzaie: the balans of iustyce
 The ryche syndynge ryght wyse/ to poze gyuyng rygour
 These thre blydyth iustyce/ Which thyng is great dolour
 Which causyth poze Wretches/ they? Wzogys to be wayle
 Whye the ryche is correte/ scant With a fore tayle

What dyfference betwene/ a great these and a small
 Forsoth no more but this: to speke I dare be bolde
 The great syttyth on benche in costely furrys of pall
 The small these at barre/ standyth tremblyng for colde
 The great theys at ladyd/ With great chaynys of golde
 The small these With yron/ chayned from all refuge
 The small these is iugyd/ oft tyme the great is iuge

If any haue trespassed/ ageyne the Wyllingly
 Be nat ouer hasty/ by cruell punysshement
 Let nat the punysshement/ excede the intury
 If it be so greuous/ it is suffycient
 But the sawt/ to pardon/ if thou can be content
 Chan art thou more ryght wyse/ benynge and charytable
 And to good thy maker/ more dere: and acceptable

Mercy makyth makynde/ to hys maker moste semblable
 And also to thy seruauys: Whiche lyueth vnder the
 Be ryght wyse: and equall: in maner resonable
 Gyue them they? dutye: and ryght With all pyte
 And nought of them require: but ryght and equitye
 Thynke seruantes be made: our bretherne by nature
 Wherfore ryght requyryth: to treat them in mesure

And nat Without reason: agayne them for to rage
 Them treatynge as beastys: syth they be men as we
 If they? sawte be greuous: and done of yll corage
 Or of froward malycie: caste them away fro the
 Or if they? sawte be small: than of them haue pyte
 They? longe saythfull scruple: se thou do nat dyspyse
 What man is so dyscrete: Whiche all way can be wyle

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pnuoluunt minimas pē-
 dentia retia muscas:
 Quarum cū misero mut-
 mure vita perit.
 Sic solet et pauper puni-
 ri lege seuera:
 Si peccat diues: lege so-
 lutus abit.

Si tibi deliquit quisq̃:
 non ultio maior
 Dilicto fuerit • sufficit
 esse parem.
 Si tamen ignoscas: vin-
 dictaq; nulla placebit:
 Iustior es multo: gratior
 atq; deo.

In famulos etiam iustū
 seruabis/et æquum.
 Iis iusta ipendas • nec ni-
 si iusta petas.
 Hos credas: fratres no-
 bis natura creauit:
 Vt sequi nefas latius eā
 putes.

Abice: si grauit̃ tibi
 peccant • vel miserere:
 Si leuiter • sapiens quis
 queat esse satis.

But no we comprehendynge/all Iustyce in one some
 And breuely concludynge/the bondys of iustyce
 If thou wylt be ryght wylse/as requyret hys wylsom
 Than must thou thy lyuynge/order in this wylse
 Gyue good laude and glozy/and let thyne hart aryse
 Whoste clefely in his loue/continually brennyng
 Auoyde his displeasour/do after his byddynge

Nert to thy nayghbour/or euery chrysten man
 Do thou no other wylse/than thou wold haue gladly
 Get gooddys ryght wylsely/whan thou haste the: Cha
 Loue them nat ouer moche/but them besto we wylsely
 To reason of thy so wle/make subiecte thy body
 Let hym with his lustys/be subiecte seruytour
 Refrained from foly/by reason gouernour

Iusticie postq̄ fines refer
 rauimus ipsos:
 Dicamus fortem / mag
 nimumq; virum.

So we haue we dyscrybd the bondes of iustyce
 Moche thyng omittynge/by cause of breuyte
 Whiche askyth longe proces/in meter to compryse
 Wherfore/no we procedynge/indeuoyr vs shall we
 For to dyscrybe/a man/of magnanimitie
 And wrytynge/for to gyue/cure/and solycytude
 To shewe what belongeth/to strenght or fortitude



De magnanimitate.

Thus endyth the dyscription of
 the secōde cardynall Vertue na
 myd Iustyce/ And begynneth
 to be treatyd of the thyrde Car
 dynall vertue/callyd fortitude
 or magnanimitie or strenght of
 mynde.

Of magnanimitie or strenght of
 mynde.

Magnanimum fateor:
 qui/quo teneat honestū:
 Vltro dura subit: qui ne
 q; seua pauet:
 Non timet hic hoies;nō
 et discrimina mortis.

What man ought be countyd/of magnanimitie
 Or of an hygge mynde/and courage valiant
 Which in the defendynge/of ryght and honeste
 All hardnes indurgeth/glad/and with mynde constant
 Wyllynghly submyttinge hym selfe to deth instant
 Rather than to recule/from the defence of ryght
 No crueltie dreyng of tyran/kyng/no knyght

Soche one / feryth no man / his mynde so constant is
 He boldly contemnyth deth / and daunger moztall
 Deuyse the tyran / Nero noz salatyis
 Noz all other tyrans / can hym nouzht moue atall
 He prest is / to suffer / What euer thynge doth fall
 Bolde mynde is nat mouyd / by thretyngge noz turment
 But onely by reason / is mouyd his intent

yet a manly co Wrage / desyryth nat rass help
 To presume Without cause / on do Wtfull thynge & hard
 Howe be it euery persone / for mozte part comonly
 Wold nat bere gladly / the name of a ca Warde
 No thynge is moze folyshe / than one to ren for Ward
 To do that With daunger / With peryll and dystresse
 Whiche myght Without peryll / be done in quyetnes

That man is ouer mad / founde / and / at woorthy rest
 Whiche beinge on the se / in calym tranquilte
 Desyryth / and prayeth / for byolent tempest
 For roughe waues o2 somynge feruour of the se
 At lest ouersene / but moche madder is he
 Whiche may haue his pleasour / and mynde With paciēce
 yet rennyng to daunger / by hasty byolence

A tyran presumynge / for to subdeue iustyce
 Inuadyng his cuntrey / by mad rebellyon
 Is nat of hys co Wrage / noz valyant in no wyse
 But trayter / and rayler / of insurreccion
 At rasshe and bolde byrbour / sekynge cofusion
 And Whyle in his querell / folys theyr lyues spende
 His lyfe and his purpose / cummyth to shamefull ende

Howe may a clerke describe / a Wreche / so pestylent
 His mynde hath no mercy / but rasshe audacyte
 His mad mynde amasyd / by purpose imprudent
 Of his natyfe cuntrey / seketh captyuyte
 His owne shame / and frendys / extreme calampte
 Soche ought nat be countyd / partnyer of foxytude
 But tyzannys trayterours / presumtuuous and rude

Noz he is nat manly noz of an hyghe co Wrage
 Which suffryth great labour and peryll of this lyfe
 for his singuler wele / and pryuate auantage
 Gnt that man Whiche / feryth / for his cuntrey natyfe
 No byolence doyng / to mayden chylde noz wyfe
 Noz ageyn his countrey / nat beinge byolent
 Soche one / hath hys courage / & mynde magnificēt

Quicquid contingat: ferre paratus adest.
 Nō animū magnū possūt tormenta / mineq;
 Vnica sed ratio sacta monere potest.

Non tamen exposcit temere discrimina: q̄q̄
 Effugiat timidi nomen habere viri.
 Stultius haud quicq; q̄ sese offerre periclis:
 Cum poscit tuto non minus illud idem.

Est nimium demens: trāquilla si quis in vnda
 Spumiferos æstus optet habere freti.

Qui patriā insultat: violat qui publica iura
 Non vir magnanimus ille putandus erit.
 Est audax potius / temerarius / impius / amens /

Et quicquid possit lingua referre mali.

Nec vir fortis erit quærens sua cōmoda sed qui Vim prohibet patriæ: nec facit ipse suæ.

Nulla animi laus ē: nūl
la est praestantia facti:
Iusticia vnde procult: est
patriæq; salus.
Nec/nisi vir rectus / vir
simplicitatis amicus:

Magnanimi / & fortis no
men habere potest.

Non te factorū delectat
fama tuorum.

Sed per se placita sit be
ne facta tibi.
Magnanimus claris in
gestis ponit honestum.
Et populi voces respicit
ille parum.
Nō magni est animi: qui
vulgi pendet ab ore.

Sed date qui potuit/
quod cupit: ipse sibi.

Qui nimium tribuit tibi
tulit: et queritat illos:
Ille nimis vanus / et pue
rilis homo est.

Est animi imprimis mag
nites spernere cunctas:
Externas: nimium quas
rude vulgus amat.
Res humilis spernēs ani
mus petit ardua magn.
Quicquid habet tellus:
se putat esset minus.

Nō: oculus quicquid cer
nit: vel dextera tangit:
Sed quē mente capit: ar
dua / et altā putat.

The mynd hath no praysyng: no: laude wo: thy doubtles
No: that dede is countyd: of no preellynence
Where iustyce is nat gyde / Where wantyth ryght wysnes
Where helth of our cuntrey: is boydyd from presence
And Where the comon wele: syndyth nat sure defence
Only a ryght wyseman: of iust and playn intent
Dought to be callyd stronge: of mynde magyficent

No man: saue a louet: of iust simplycyte
Without fraude o: faynyng: boldly supportyng ryght
Dought fo: to haue the name of magnanymite
Let nat thyne o: wn dedys be plesant in thy syght
Allyf the comon fame: them laude with wordys lyght
Consyder wele thy selfe: if they be without blame
Trust moze to that tryall: than to the comon fame

Let that onely plesē the / and onely the delyte
Aman of bolde spyryt / consyderyth honeste
And in honest dedys / Whiche many doth prosyte
Them selfe clere comendynge: hath he selycyte
Ryght lyttrill regardynge / the voyce of comonte
He hath no bolde co: wrage / Which onely doth depende
On mouth of the comons his dedys to comende

But he is moste manly / Which in his dedys can
Gyue surely to hym self all that he doth requyre
Nat carynge the praylys / of woman chylde o: man
Who that ouermoeche / doth great namys desyre
O: coueyteth bayne tytels / of honoure to conquyre
He shulde nat be countyd / a man of graunte
But a chylde / he persone / ensuyngē banyte

It uamely belongyth / to man of bolde co: wrage
All bayne thyngys outwarde / to despyse vttterly
Countyngē all thyngē moundayne / incertayne & volage
Which rude comon peple / moste louyth comonly
Thus a balyant mynde / all way mountyth on hye
Despylyngē lo: we thynges / thyngē erthely in no wyse
Can content his courage / no: noble mynde suffyse

All erthys contentys / What euer is here on grounde
Is les than his co: wrage no: can nat hym content
Soche treasour as hys eye / beholdyth here aboute
O: What enet he tochyth / is nat suffycent
yet seketh he in mynde / fo: thyngē moze excellent
Thynge endles reuoluyngē / and castyngē in memory
Conceyngē these tryfels of thynges transitory

I count hym moche gretter/ than emperour oꝝ kyng
 Whiche in mynde atteynyth/ to thyng celestyal
 Utterly dyspysyng/ caduke and erthely thyng
 Though he in this worlde/ possesse no thyng at all
 But on thother partye/ What man wold great hym call
 Whyche onely reuoluyth/ to be thyng and transitoꝝ
 Nat lystyng hys casō/ from grounde: to perelesse gloꝝ

What persone wolde deny: but it were woꝛthy thyng
 And a great manys dede by vertue to purchase
 A greatrome oꝝ offyce/ With emperour oꝝ kyng
 Than is he moche greater/ Which hath the gyft of grace
 With the kyng eternall/ to purchase hym a place
 With angels foꝝ to reygne/ hye in the heuynly hall
 Where is endles solace/ and ioy perpetuall

What man wold deny hym/ both bold and balyant
 Whiche by longe siegyng/ strenth and audacite
 Takyth great Cytyes/ wele pepled and puyfant
 Well stoꝝyd of ryches/ and armoꝝt in plente
 Than moche moze balyant/ my/ myghty and strong is he
 Which as an ouercomer and myghty coꝝquerour
 Hath won (by hys merytyes) the hye and heuynly tour

No trauayle/ noꝝ labours/ What so euer they be
 Can moue a bolde coꝝwage/ by ferfull fantasie
 Thyng laudable to leue/ but that boldly wyll he
 Perseuer and procede/ concludyng fynally
 Warkys wele attemptyd/ and fyrst begyn wysely
 The bolde nought abydyth/ tyll all wysely be done
 Foꝝ wele he consydeꝝrth/ that thende gyuyth coꝝone

And nought can be surely praylyd befoꝝe the ende
 Therfoꝝe: he therunto/ contendyth constantly
 So: be nat thou wery/ but besely intende
 At the heuynly palays/ to knok perseuerantly
 Than shall the porter opyn/ the gatys fynally
 Foꝝ none he repellyth/ Which hyde knocking with myght
 Noꝝ none he denyeth Whiche askyth thyng of ryght

Wherfoꝝe haue ye done: ceste nat: perseuer knok & stande
 Remyt nat thyne armys/ by knockyng fitigate
 Abyde: foꝝ thy meryt: anon is sure at hande
 Thy rewarde is instant/ thou shalt nat be frustrate
 Befoꝝe the victoꝝy/ no man is laꝝteat
 At endyng shalt thou haue/ palme/ byctoꝝy/ and mede
 Than haste in thy voyage/ perseuer and procede

Qui spernit terras: aſo
 cœleſtia tangens:
 Illo nō vullus (vt puto)
 maior erit.
 Atqui magnus homo eſt:
 quiſquis verſat ī imis.
 Et neqꝛde terra tollit ad
 alta caput.

Quis negit eſſe hominis
 magni virtute mereri
 Dignum cum ſummo re
 ge tenere locum?
 Ergo non magnus / ſed
 maximus ille teretur:
 Qui ſummi meruit auli
 cus eſſe dei.

Quis neget eſſe virū for
 tem: qui viribus vrbes/
 Et longa magnas obſi
 dione capit.
 Ergo non fortis / ſed erit
 fortiffimus ille:
 Qui ſiſtet capta victor ī
 arce poli.

Non hominē magnū ter
 rent quicūqꝫ labores:
 Vt tandē abſoluat / quod
 bene ſeoit: opus.

Sic te non pigeat pulſa
 re palacia cœli:
 Vt referet faciles iani
 tor ipſe fores.
 Non quēqꝫ renuit pul
 ſantem ianitor altus.
 Et nulli non dat: ſi mo
 do iuſta petit.

Quare age: non vnqꝫ tu
 brachia teſſa remittas:
 Quando quidem mox te
 præmia certa manēt.
 Palmā ſine ferēs: ad ſi
 nem pergito. nanqꝫ

Aequore decurso: digna
corona datur.
Nec finem nimium tibi
credas esse remotum.
Cum minime reris: sepe
propinquus adest.

Non animus magn⁹ ser
uit: sed liber ab omni
Est virio: recti ppetuusq;
comes.

Nec patitur: luxur supe
ret: turpisq; libido.
Sed superat sensus for
cior ipse suos.
Seruitium malus nō est:
nec turpius vllum:

Quam: quo sub vitis
mens religata iacet.
Libertas animi vera est:
quē nulla voluptas
Imperio cogit: seruitio
q; premit.

Nil admirat: nisi quod
videatur honestum.
Nil: nisi quod semper:
quod propriūq; manet.

Procede vnto the ende/ in stormys and tempest
Ron ouer the streamys/ With sure shyp and constanc
Thou shalt/ after trauayle/ com to the haupn of rest
And sure port of pleasour/ and glozy tryumphant
Noz thynke nat that the ende/ o2 port is far dystant
Let no soche suspeccion/ of longe delay the greue
The port is oft at hande/ longe o2 thou Wold byleue

A great mynde dysdaynyth/ in bondage for to be
But from all maner byce/ and inconuenience
It selfe it pferueth/ at lyberte and fre
As sone as fyrst moryon/ of byle concupiscence
Attempteth hym in mynde/ for to comyt offence
Anone he dysdaynyth/ soche byle temptacion
Hys lustys refraynyng/ With bydpyll of reason

The betray fyrst morynge/ o2 temptynge vnto syn
He chaspyth from hys mynde/ and doth the same subdue
By reason Wele nothynge/ that if it entryd in
And restyd any space/ sone after myght insue
Some pleasour o2 consent/ o2 dede agayn bertue
Therfore he restyryth/ begynnynge/ With all myght
And al way for gydys/ takyth reason and ryght

He suffreth nat byle lust: noz blynde lascyuite
To subdue his reason: Wyt: o2 intellygence
But boldly: he bydlyth: all Wylde enozmyte
Noche stronly subduynge: carnall concupiscence
For certys/ no bondage: noz byle obedience
Is so Wle to mankynde: fyrste fourmyd resonable
Than to be subduyd: to byrcys detestable

And lye as outlawed: in mynde: and in reason
Under greuous yok: of byce: o2 syn vnkynde
His carnall luste ragynge: aboue dyscreffyon
But certaynly: there is: no lyberte of mynde
Saue Where no byle lustys: noz byce doth reason bynde
Where no lust oppzessyth: the reason in bondage
There is trewe lyberte: nat subiect to seruage

A man thus indwed: With so great lyberte
Comendyth no plesour: vnstable: noz volage
That only Whiche soundyth to laude and honeste
He praylyth and laudyth: of his moste hye co W: age
He forlyth nat fauour: of iuuent: noz of age
But that Whiche abydyth iust: and contynuall
He laudyth and praylyth: o2 els nought at all

A bolde mynde is constant/one maner man al way
 Nat chynkyng/for sozowe/noz hard aduersyte
 But boldely he beryth/tro wblis of euery fray
 With stout port and stomake/in maner as though he
 Felt none aduersyte/losse/noz necessyte
 No chance can hym change/to bolde is his courage
 Dyl daynyng for to fele/mylfortune oz dammage.

That bolde worthy colwage/ which thiketh for to haue
 His hole treasour in hart/and al hys good in mynde
 And nat in his body/as in a mortall graue
 Soche one/in cernall tro wbles/cā no dyspleasour fynde
 Noz none aduersite fortune/reputyth he unkynde
 These chaungeable chauncys/of mylfortune mundayne
 At to hym assuryd/no dyspleasour:noz payne

He onely contaynyth/all goodnes in hys mynde
 Which beryth in hys herte/chryste Iesu day and nyght
 This man hath graunte/nought can hys reasoun blynde
 So chryst hath incleded/hys mynde with in ward lyght
 His countenaunce is one/in euery mannys syght
 No more faynt/noz ferefull/his he of hys langage
 In moste greuous chauncys/than in chefe auantage

He she weth no semblance/in worde noz countenaunce
 Of in ward dyspleasour/his colwage is so sure
 And certys:it nat semyth/a great man of constaunce
 To she we cruell iyen/oz loke/agayne nature
 But rather with bylage/and countenaunce demure
 These grym thretynge lokys/betokyn no fortitude
 But rather a prouyd hert/unkynde boyshewys & rude

The stronge/is nat tryed noz prouyd by gesture
 By face/noz countenaunce:but one may tye and fynde
 What man hath hys colwage/and boldnes of nature
 By hys worthy dedys/and stablesnes of mynde
 Many one is ferefull/and colward of his kynde
 Counterfaytynge out ward/a Lyons countenaunce
 Unstable in hys dedys/without perseuerance

If thou be in offyse/oz great auctoryte
 Be nat more remys:do nat thy duty les
 Auguste the comon wele/alyf thou fere to be
 Sone after deposyd/by comons unkyndnes
 The nature of comons/is rottyd in rydenes
 And betray hard it is/to please a myltitude
 yet for the comon wele/fle nat sollicitude

Casib' aduersis constā
 subcumbere nescit:
 Tanq̃ si semp̃ res sua sal
 ua foret.

Sed nihil aduersi cense
 bit maximus ille:
 Omnia qui in mente cre
 dit habere bona.

Ille autē solus cōplecti
 tur omnia mente:
 Pectore cui Christus nos
 te dieq; sedet.
 Aspectum seruatur:gratia
 tas quē v̄ sit: et ornat.
 Nec trepidat verbis: Lē
 guidiusq; sonat.

Nō magni ē toruos ocu
 los vultusq; minaces:
 Sed magis est mitis frōs
 tis habere decus.

Non etenī fortis gestu
 vultusq; probatur.
 Sed factus atq; aīa fit mi
 hi magnus homo:

Non/quia tu populi ve
 rearis ferre repulsas:
 Propterea res est publi
 ca agenda minus.

Non patriā lſquas: quia
ſit tibi pugna futura.

Nō aliter fortis noſcier
ipſe potes.

Prætera/quem ſacra' ſa-
mes: et forma monetæ
Cepetit: haud magnus:
imo puſillus homo eſt.
Tormentet quis ſclera
ta pecunia paruos:
Eſſe tamen magnis illa
moleſtia nequit.

Nll minnū eſt animo nll
eſt anguſtius illo:
Qui ſeruit nummis: cui
dominantur opes.
Ille autē eſt fortis: qui
ſcit contemne'e pauper
Diniſſias: animo non en
piendo ſua.

Aut ſi diues habet: qui
ſic partitur amicis:

Subſidio vt multis gau
deat eſſe viris.

Leaue thou nat thy cuntry/Whan batayle is inſtant
But boldely prepare the/foz it/to byde and fyght
Extreme nede beſt prouyſh a colirage balyant
Thou can nat better dye/than fyghtynge foz the ryght
Than: nede moſte requyrez to ſhowe thy force & myght
Thou canſt nat be kno we: ſtronger/ nor of bolde colirage
Saue/ in bydynge daunger/ and peryll of dāmage

Howe no couetous wretche can haue the trewe vertu of magnanimite.
A wretche/Whome the ſail ion/ and hunger execrable
Of golde/ oꝝ byle money hath blyndyd in intent
May nat be callyd great/ but ſmall and myſerable
foz thoughe this curtyd coyne/ ſmal wretches doth tōut
yet can .t nat trouble/ a mynde magnificent (ment
A bolde mynde conſydeyꝝ it: gotten With great payne
Sauyd oꝝ kept With feare/ With ſoꝝ we loſt agayne

No man is moze ſymple/ byle/ nor of baſſe colirage
Nor no mynde moze pynchyꝝ/ oꝝ dꝝolwyꝝd in dolour
Than he: Which of money/ is kept vnder bondage
Of Whome wretchyd treſour/ is lord and gouernour
But that ſymple perſone/ is worth a conquerour
Whiche can dylſpyſe ryches/ content With pouerte
Couetyng no ryches/ nor bayne proſperyte

Soche one/ in beholdynge the bayne ſolicytude
Of couetous captyſs/ and wretches of the grounde
He laſghyꝝ vnto ſcoꝝne/ theyꝝ lyfe and maners rude
Aduertyng to What care/ and labours they be bounde
Which doth/ all the iugemente/ of theyꝝ reaſon confounde
Of reſt them bereuyng/ on treſour Whyle they thynke
To ſlepe thy intende nat/ nor yet to meat nor dꝝynke

Thus Whyle they get ryches/ ſals/ ſcayle and ſugꝝtyſe
Theſe wretchys to them ſelfe/ thā tꝝānyſ moze bꝝkynde
Loſe reſt/ fame/ and frenſhꝝp/ and alſo the ſwete lyfe
All this: a bolde colirage reuoluyꝝ oft in mynde
Wherfoze no ſoche furour/ can his bye reaſon blynde
But if he haue plente/ of ryches/ and treſour
He partyꝝ it a bꝝode: to nedeſull: With honour

Vnto his poze fryndys: Which haue neceſſyte
He partyꝝ and ſꝝedeth his treſour ioyfuly
Delytyng: foz to haue: ſuche proſſyꝝblyte
To many men to be: ſocour and ſubſedy
He ſtodyeth: With treſour: eternall blyſſe to bye
And louers in this lyfe: as thynge moze comendable
Than all Cꝝelus ryches/ of golde innumerable

Howe comon is the clause/and sentence of pyrrus
Of moſte famous auctours/countyd of dignyte
Whiche vnto the romayns/made noble anſwere thus
Whan they cam to hym/with treaſour in plente
They captiues to redeme/whiche in pryſon had he
Whyle thynbaſſadours tolde/they raunſone in golde
Pyrrus thus anſwerde/with courage fre and bolde

your golde I demaunde nat/no ſiluer wyll I ſele
No gyft ſhall ye gyue/your treaſour I diſpyle
Contente we with armour/of pyren and of ſtele
Nat with golde nor gyftes/as tanerners haue gyle
Marchauntis/and other/inſupnge couetyſe
It ſemith byle wretches/to handell coyne & golde
Bygght armour beſemyth/men balyaunt and bolde

For certayne/this anſwer: ſemyd ſo noble a kynge
Of eacus/worthy/to come of hys lynage
Of whome this layd pyrrus/had his byrth & of ſpyng
This worde: well hym prouyd/ſtronge & of bolde courage
And thou alſo Curius: both ſad/ſober and ſage
Thy ſelfe well declared/of mynde as ſtronge and bolde
Whan the ſamnytis/preſentyd the with golde

As thou ſittynge ydell/was dyſpenge by the fyre
Small rapis/as man ſymple/by rynges ſettynge nought
One of the ſamnytis/ſubiect to thynne empyre
Layd forth golde gyftes/whiche he had to the brought
By ſpynges whiche he ſawe/reputynge in his thought
By ſuche maner gyftes/the greatly to content
By cauſe thou reſemblyde/as poze and indigent

But what anſwer gaue thou: forth a wyſe and bolde
Saynge: I had leuer thus homely for to dyne
In an erthyen platter/than in a dyſhe of golde
Retourne with thy gyftis/nought I demaunde of thynne
What nede I thy gyftis/ſith thou thy ſelfe art myne
Of gouernours of golde/we wylbe gouernours
Rather than of golde/or other hayne treſours

This anſwer beſemyd/a mynde magniſcent
And a man eſtablyd/in magnanimyte
But agayne retourne/we vnto our fyrſte intent
A bolde mynde/in labour moſte diligent muſt be
In thynge of moſte peryll/and moſte difficulte
Where thyngeſ be moſte hard/there muſt thou to preuaile
Cheſely put thy body/to labour and trauaile

Hancy,

E. i.

Quā vulgat viros inter
ſententia Pirrhi eſt:
Cum redimit capros ſau
cia roma ſuos.
Inquit enī Pyrrhus pre
ciū numeratī volēti

Non aurum poſco: non
mihi dona dabis.
Certemus ferro/ non au
ro cauponantes
Contractare aurū: nos
deceat arma viros.

Dignum rege quidē ver
bum: genus æacidarum
Oſtendit magnum viri
bus jatq; animo.
Nec minor ipſe animo
Curi dentate fuiſti.
Cum tibi ſamnites aure
rea dona darent

Torrebas modicū rapas
tu lentus ad ignem:
Explicuit ſamnis cum
ſua dona cliens.

Malo equidem dixti ſi
guli cœnare catino/
Quam fuluis: tecū mu
nera miſſa refer.
Non aurū volumus: por
tius ſed habētibus aurū

Elle ſuper volumus: hoc
cupimusq; magis.

Corpore ſunt etiam ſub
eunda pericula rerum.
Sunt res difficiles: im
probiorq; labor.

Non tamen hæc temere
sed rectius ante vidēdū:
Quid ratio assērit: quid
fieri ve negat.
Non etenim tentet sese
maiora / suisq;
Viribus: vt ceptū turpe
relinquat opus.

Sæpe nimis fidens sibi
magna negocia sumit:
Quæ neq; cū perigat: de
decus inde refert.
Attamē z caueat: nimiū
dum prouidet omne:
Ne visus trepidam quæ
rete velle fugam.

Nempe mori præstat q̃
turpē viuere vitam.
Seruitio mors est antes
ferenda viris.
Non certes armis: nisi
cum certare necesse est.
Namq; ferum nimis est
conferuisse manus.

Nunq̃ suscipias bellum
nisi pacis amore.
Sed pax nil fraudis / nil
habeatq; doli.

Dignius in magno nihil
est q̃ parcere victis.
In quo naturę conuenit
ille dei.
Non tantę est laudis vi
debellare superbos:
Quantæ est clementem
se / placidumq; dare.

Inter cæsareas virtutes
prima refertur:
Quod placidus victus
ciuibz ille fuit.
Magnanimum imitem
fecit natura leonem
Prostratis / pueris / exte-
guisq; feris.

yet though the thyng be nedefull / go nat therto rashly
But befoze consyder / what way is tyght and sure
What reason affermyth: and what it doth deny
Attempte nothyng passyng / thy myght / and nature
Noz whole ende and proces / is vnto the obscure
A wyse man / by reason: consyderith well this same
But folyz oft begyn / and leaue agayne with shame

And namely some / trustyng / in them selfe to greatly
Begyn / oft great thynges: wenyng to wyne them name
But whan all their purpose: procedith forwardly
In stede of comendyng / they get them rebuke and shame
Another thyng beware / whiche also wynneth blame
So longe / do nat all thyng / befoze proude and cast
That thou seme to leaue all (as coward) at the last

Better dy with hon ur / than lyue in worldly shame
And leade thy lyfe dishonest: and foule: tyll better age
A bolde noble courage / despyng worthy name
Wolde muche rather dye / than lyue in hyle bondage
Contende nat in batayle / yf thou be sad and sage
Without neede constrayne the / o: harde necessity
To shedde blode / is brutall / and beastly cruelte

It seemyth nat mankynde / but cruell beast is wode
Whiche of noble reason / parteneth can nat be
To delyte in shedyng / echone of others blode
Begyn neuer batayle / as muche as is in the
But for the loue of peas / conorde and bryte
And whan peas is compact / and sure confederate
Let no fraude noz treason / noz gyle / it violate

Nothyng in a great man / can be moze comendable
Than to spare his foes / brought in obedience
To great god eternall / this man is mozte semblable
Les laude is / to subdue / by force and byolence
Than to shewe thyne enemy / thy mercy and clemence
Moze laude is to pardon / and spare wretches subiect
Than proude great rebellers / by batayle to correct

Almonge all the vertues / ascrybed to Cesar
This one is renomyd / mozte chese and pryncipall
That he was mercyfull / nat moze in peas than warre
Sparryng the Cytezens / to hym subiect and thzall
All yf the bolde lyon / be cruell and brutall
To suche as he prostrate / of nature is he mylde
And vnder lyke maner / both to small beast and chynde

Thou sholdest nat contende / noz fyght agaynst thy fo
 Except thou hast somwhat / playne warned hym befoze
 For gyle prouyth a mynde / cowarde and faynt also
 A fals ferefull hert / by nought is prouyd moze
 Than fraudfull assautis / and vengeaunce to soze
 But se we non w:th hatred / with malice noz enuy
 Theple bynde thyne owne mynde / most streyght in mysety

If any haue greuyd the: with outhet worde oz dede
 Agaynst ryght oz reason: as oftyn tyme may fall
 To suche a wretchyd personys / lyuyng take good hede
 And count thy selfe by hym: no thyng greued attall
 But say thus: as semyth: a man substanciall
 This man wolde haue hurt me: but god is good & kynde
 Nat grauntynge hym power / noz myght after his mynde

His mynde was to greue me / now hath it none effect
 Vnto his owne tourment / now tournith his delyte
 And moze cause haue other / his malyce to suspect
 And certaynly / to sleape / that man hath small respyte
 Whiche tournith and wakenith / whan euery fley doth byte
 Many grefys happyn / whome pacient silence
 Muche better subduith: than oppyn vtolence

For certayne: no plone / is greatly hurt: in dede
 Without he hurt hym selfe / by faynt thoughtis vnkynde
 Despyse / though thy body: in dyuers partys blede
 Without thyne owne consent: no man can greue thy mynde
 Thy wzonges to reuenge / whan thou shalt power fynde
 Let this full suffice the / to haue thy foo subiect
 And to haue suche myght his malice to correct

Take onely suche power / for bitter punysshment
 Thou canst nat reuenge / thy wzonge: in nobler wyse
 Than whan of thy / foes / thou mayst haue thyne intent
 To pardon they: trespas: and they: malyce despyse
 Of secrete detractours / inlue thou nat the gyle
 Blame thou no man absent / whysperynge secretly
 If thou haue cause to blame / all ayle hym openly

A mynde / onely groundyd / on ryght and equite
 And it selfe perceyuyng / ryght wyse and innocent
 Of spyryt may be bolde / with magnanymyte
 These thynges / make namely / a mynde magnificent
 A pure mynde / and symple: a ryght & playne intent
 With iust sayth / and lyuyng / despyd at no tyme
 With none enoyme maners / noz greuous spot of cryme

Maney,

C.ii.

Non / nisi pramonito dū
 dū: conflixeris hosti.
 Namq; animos timidos
 indicat ipse dolus.
 Non odio quenq; nec sis
 liuore secutus.
 Hoc etenim angustismē
 tibus esse solet.

Si quis te verbis / vel fac
 tis læsit iniquis.
 Hunc tecum reputa nil
 nocuisse tibi
 Sed tantū mentē dicas
 habuisse nocendi:
 Et mentem optatum nō
 habuisse suum.

Nam / nisi se lædat: certo
 non læditur vllus.
 Namq; alius mentē tan
 gere nemo potest.
 Cumq; vlciſcendi fuerit
 tibi facta potestas:
 Hoc pro vindicta sit
 potuisse satis.

Vltio nulla quidem ma
 ior cedet honori
 Quam: tibi quæ spreta /
 quæq; remissa: fuit.
 Occulto quemquam nō
 carpes ipse susurro.
 Sed / si quem argueris:
 aggrediare palam.

Magnanimū faciet tan
 tū mens conscia recti:
 Mens pura / et simplex /
 intimerata fides.

At trepidum facient for
des/et crimina vitæ.
Omnia nam metuit: quæ
sua vita premit.
Cor mundum nunq̃ tor-
pet formidine tristi.
Nā quicunq; sine est cri-
mine: quid metuat?

An mortem? munus sibi
quam natura parauit?
Per quam nō dubius reg-
na beata subit?
An vel supplicium? cui?
non ille dolorem
Sentit: dum/ sanans vul-
nera: Christus adest?

Quid timeat: quæ Chris-
tus amat? quem vir-
go tuctur?
Numina cui cœli cuncta
benigna fauent?

Martyribus potuit quis
quondā in ferre timorē?
Vincere tam magnos
qui potuere viros?
Non illos reges supera-
runt: non que tyranni.
Non populi: admiffæ
nec valere fera.

Præsidibus corā iuuenes
pueriq; senesq;/
Et fragilis mulier non
habuere metum.

Non arcus: non arma/
nec districta: rogusq;
Non/iaculis læuæ/verbi-
busq; manus.
Non carcer: non longa
fames: tormenta/sitisq;
Non oleū: non pix: nōq;
fluenta maris.

But byle and foule synnes/and bicies of lpyunge
Wakith man be ferefull/sad/heuy and pensyfe
For that wretche/suspectith/and dzedyth euery thyng
Whiche is harde oppzessyd/with his owne synfull lyfe
A pure herte and clene mynde/haue this prerogatyfe
Neuer to be slougyllhe/by heuy dzedē oꝝ feare
Who is without trespas: what can hym hurt oꝝ dere

Oꝝ what hath he to dzedē/no maner thyng be sure
What shulde he dzedē of deth: it is incuytable
The generall dute/and trybute of nature
By whome he hath passage/to lyfe intermynable
What shulde he dzedē tourment/of tyran intretable
Of whome he nat felyth/dyspleour/hurt/noꝝ grefe
Syth our loꝝde is redy/his woundes to relefe

What matter shulde he dzedē-what can hym fear oꝝ moue
Whome no treue troublis/noꝝ bycis can oppzesse
Whome chryste his dere mayster/doth both defende & loue
Whome the gloꝝyous byrgyn/eternall empzess
Defendith/and is redy/to helpe in all distres
Whome all heuynly spirit/doth fauour & defende
With his fōes/redy: all season to contende

Who coude in tyme passyd/these holy martyrs feare
Oꝝ moue they? great constance/from fayth: & true byleue
They/prynces ouercam/but no pryncce coude them deare
No kynge coude them change: ouercome: noꝝ remeue
No tyran/noꝝ tourment: coude them in myndes greue
All yf they? frayle bodyes/oft suffred bitter payne
Ther at: they? mynde constant: had bitterly disdayne

Accusyd of pepleg/and fals rulers: were some
Some tyste to wylde beastyis/in pecys co be rent
But no maner manace/noꝝ peyne coude them ouercome
Wayke wymen/chyldezen/olde fathers and Juuent
Befoze cruell prouostes standynge/at iugement
And with them yonge birgyns/seyng they? wound/blede
Of tyranys noꝝ tourment/had nother feat noꝝ dzedē

No bowes noꝝ dartis/noꝝ other lyke armour
Noꝝ bygght swerdes drawen: to they? dedly tourment
No speris noꝝ fyers/kyndled them to deuour
No prylson no scourgis/no pytche/of lothly sent
No thzetyng of prylson/noꝝ bitter punysshement
No hunger noꝝ thurst/noꝝ feruent oyle byrnyng
Coude moue them to change/they? fayth/noꝝ pure lpyunge

No thretynges / nor suffraunce / of waters byolence
 Coude change theyr sad purpose / establd by wysdome
 No gyftes / nor treasour / of greatest opulence
 No promessys / of part / of empyre / nor kyngdome
 Noz kynges maryage / coude these martyrs ouercome
 Noz their holy purpose / moue / nor inclyne to flyght
 In mynde were they strengthed / so sure with heuynly syght

Nat onely: the parent / sawe their chyldren in flame
 With chere glad and toconde / in hert and countenance
 But many / their owne chyldren / exorted to the same
 And for no short tourment / to fle from theyr constance
 O meruelous myndes / o great perseuerance
 The mother hath oft tymes / with voyce magnysicent
 Exortyd her yonge chyldren / to peynes and tourment

The wyfe hath exorted her hus bonde in lyke wyse
 And one brother / another / strengthyd to martyrdome
 And for our lordes cause / all tourment to despyse
 But what man of lernynge / of vertue / or wysdome
 Wolde say that these martyrs / thus dyenge / were ouercome
 But rather in the myddes / of all theyr tourmentours
 They stode nat ouercome: but lyker conquerous

The Juge or tourmentour / by cruell tyrany
 Myght subdue the body / somtyme into tourment
 But the mynde pseuered / establd constantly
 In the fayth: and laudes: of god omnytpotent
 Thus were they by peynes / and mynde magnysicent
 And by deth: subduers / of their owne corps carnall
 Of tyzans: tourmentours: and fendes infarnall

The worlde: and bayne plesours. subdued they also
 Despyssynge all plesour: of thynges transitory
 Than: all these ouercōmpynge / who lokyth clere therto
 On erth can no man fynde: moze worthy victoꝝ
 In ouercōmpynge erth: they wan eternall gloꝝ
 And where men suppoled: them: to haue ben ouercome
 They ouercam: both men: erth: and the hye kyngdome

For certayne / lordes Jesu / who / thus may dye for the
 To hym can nothyng be / of moze beaytude
 Of moze parfite swetnes / of moze felycite
 Moze ioconde / moze ioyous / nor yet moze gratytude
 Alas we blynde wretches / ar we nat dull and rude
 Seynge our redemer / indure for vs suche peyne
 And no payne / nor dolour / to endure for hym agayne

Mancy.

E.iii.

Munera / nec regni par-
 tes / promissaq; regum
 Coniugia: in turpē non
 pepulere fugam.

Nec tantum natos læti
 valuere parentes
 Spectare in flāmis / in
 crucibusq; suos:

Quin magis infantes ge-
 nitrix hortata tenellos.
 Et frater fratrem: spon-
 saq; carā virum.
 Quis possit sanctos mor-
 rientes dicere victos.
 Victores potius morte
 fuere sua.

Fortius / aut mai⁹ nihil
 est / quā vincere mundū.

Vincere q̄ terras / et su-
 perare polos.

Nil pariter felix homi-
 ni / pariter que beatum:
 Nil pariter dulce q̄ tibi
 Christe mori.

Nec tantū gladio/ sed vi
ui possumus ipsi
Hoc tibi contempto cor
pore Christe mori.
Qui gladio moritur tan
tū semel occidat ille.
Occidit hic sepe: qui sua
membra domat.

Nec datur hanc cunctis
gladii cōtingere mortē:
Qui cupiūt. gladius gra
tia sūma delest.

Quē fuerit Christus dig
natus morte perire
Cōsimile: certe est proxi
mus ille deo.

Nat onely may we dye/ and suffer martyrdome
By tourment of tyran/ by swerde/ water or flame
But luyng we may dye/ yf we: our selfe ouercome
This hyle corps despyng/ and lustis of the same
Who dyeth with swerde: but onys: hym selfe do. h tame
By deth: but who tamyth his membres corpozall
Is dayly mortified/ by deth continuall

Nor this deth is graunted/ nat vnto euery man
Whiche coueyt for to dye/ for chryste our saupour
Some wolde fayne be martyrs: by swerde: but they ne can
That is a speciall grace/ of our dere redemptour
But th^e sayd other deth/ to baynquy the all errour
To tame this frayle body/ and lust to mortify
To euery one wyllng/ is graunted comonly

But whome chryste touch saupth/ to dye by martyrdome
Of tyrannys tourment/ no doute is: but he is
Next ioyned vnto god/ aboue in his kyngdome
In endles fruicion/ of his eternall blyss
And next them innocentis/ whiche haue nat done a mys
But nat without meryte/ and endles ioy is he
Whiche hym selfe subduyth/ by magnanymyte

Wherfore haue done/ redar/ addresse the to vertue
In whose cause and quarrell/ be bolde to stande & fyght
Thy blynde carnall lust is/ off frayle membres subdue
Be redy for to dye/ for Justice/ treuth/ and ryght
Despyse all iniury/ so semyth chrystes knyght
Subdue this fals worlde/ it is but banyte
Chan thynke thy selfe/ stablyd/ in magnanymyte

What at these passions/ of troubles transytoy
But cloudes consumynge/ and meanys for to call
Man from worldly folyes/ to blyss and endles glozy
Make nat double damage/ of one displeasour small
Be stronge: trust: no tempest can last continuall
After sorest stormys/ mooste clere est aye we se
After aduers fortune/ thynyth prosperyte

Who can nat abyde the one/ shall nat attayne the other
The sour sauce is seruyd/ befoze meat deuyteous
Joy saucyd is: with peyne: remember this my brother
Myrt with mysauntere/ be chauncis prosperous
This lyfe is resemblyd/ a byldynge ryuous
Nowe shakyd with the wynde/ agayne: nowe reparate
So faryth by troublis/ and chaūces fortunate

The chyldren of ystraell / passyd fyrste the read seye
 And thyrty yere wandryd / in sauage wyldernes
 In lande of promission: o2 they / in rest coude be
 And longe tyme of batayle / indured harde distres
 At last were they stablyd / in rest and quyetnes
 So god wyl his seruants: here in this lyfe chastice
 Before he receyue them / to rest in paradysse

Than haue done / take confort / be of stoute courage
 Haue hope / that these troubls / ar ernest (trust to me)
 Of solace and confort / in vubles heritage
 Make lyght thyng of labours / by magnanymyte
 Aduert all thyng mundayne / hath mutabylte
 Saue vertue / well rotyd / within a stedfast mynde
 Nothyng is here constant / all tournyth as the wynde

Nothyng is here constant / nought perrenant at all
 Euer: perylles passyd / ar plesour fo2 to tell
 A man one grounde respyng / can muche lowet fall
 Let hope / and holde spyrite / all mysery excell
 Aduert what is wyrtten / playnly / in the gospell
 He muste trauers troubls / whiche wyl our lo2de insue
 Renounce the frayle worlde / and his owne selfe subdue

Our muse hath remayned / ynough / as thynkyth me
 In the shape / describyng / of stoute p2seuerance
 O2 payntyng the pycture / of magnanymyte
 God gydyng our style / nowe let vs forth auance
 To describ the vertue / of comely temperaunce
 But fauourable redar / thynke nat peyne: but delyte
 Rede forth / fo2 I promyt: both plesour and profite

Thus endyth the description of the thy2de Cardynall bet
 tue named Magnanymyte: o2 fortytude / o2 strēgthe of great
 mynde: And hereafter enleueth the description of the fourth
 & laste Cardynall vertue / called moderacion o2 Tempaūce.

*Iā satis in māgnis anī
 mis versata thalia es.
 Nunc reliquum propera
 sancta referre pede.*

De temperancia

Of temperaunce

Before haue we treatyd / of myndes inuynable
 Nowe / place / tyme / & purpose / exortyth our scripture
 In meter fo2 to wyte as / playne as is possyble
 Of myndes temperate / well manerde and demure
 Who bydelyth his lustis / well orderynge his gesture
 Keepynge comelynes / in dede: worde and countenaunce
 Suche one ought be counted / a man of temperaunce

*Diximus inuictas mōta
 nunc ferre modestas
 Et locus / et tempus / pro
 positumq; monet.
 Qui cohibet motus anī
 mi: seruatq; decorum
 Dictis / et factis: is mode
 ratus erit.*

Ergo/ vt sis talis: tecū
tua vota tepeudas.
Et pona persequere. cæ-
tera missa face.

Sunt bona: quæ simplex
tantū natura requirit.
Non ea: quæ fastus: abis-
cioque iubet.

Non eget hic multis: q̄
se possederit ipsum.
Qui se possideat: se pu-
tat esse satis.
Omnibus et rebus prædi-
ues semper abundat.
Esse vel absq; opibus di-
ciet ille nequit.

Nam se quisq; potest per
se præstare beatum:
Si modo possideat omne
quod intus habet.
Cui sua non sat sūt: ali-
ud sed queritat extra:

Ille miser semper: semp
egenus erit.
Nam numero quis habe
at sibi plurima diues:
Plura tamen multo sēp
habere cupit.

Sese autē totum (ni fals-
lor) possidet ille:
Qui sang est mētis: quicq;
videnda videt.
Corpore ceu totus cense-
tur: et integere esse:
Omnia qui validus inte-
gra membra gerit.

Therfoze that thou mayst be/ suche one/ of gouernasice
By comely temperance/ thy dedis to dispoſe
Thy mocions of mynde/ note well in remembzasice
Whet her they be honest/ or nothyng to purpose
If they be laudable/ than after them compose
Thy maners and lpyng/ yf thy desyres be
Repugnant to reason/ than vtterly them fle

Thole onely be good/ desyres/ clene/ and sure
Whiche nature requyrez/ obeyenge to reason
Nat they whome haute purpose/ makynge reason obscure
Desyrez of proude mynde/ and blynde ambition
One ha'ynge hym owne selfe/ in his possession
Hym rulyng by reason/ doth nat muche require
Suche hym selfe possellyng/ nought fo'zther wyl desire

For muche he nat ned'ith/ whiche of hym selfe is lord
But hym selfe he countyth/ ryches sufficient
Who can hym selfe gouerne/ in dede/ in thought & worde
Abundantly is euer/ great/ ryche/ and opulent
In all nedefull treasour: and neuer indigent
What man: wolde asserme/ suche one without treasour
Whiche of all his dedis/ is lord and gouernour

Thuseuery man may make/ hym selfe full of ryches
Replenyſhe hym with welth/ ioy and felicity
His owne inwarde gyftes/ yf he can well possesse
Stablyng his desyres/ on thyng of honeste
But myserable/ carefull/ and euer neddy/ is he
Whiche can nat welde hym selfe/ subduynge all errour
With hym selfe nat content/ sekynge outwarde treasour

Whiche thynkith nat ynough/ the treasour of his mynde
But of outwarde ryches sekyth/ hym selfe for to stoze
For certayne: the ryche/ is so gredy and blynde
That though he haue plenty: hym selfe he counteth poze
And euer moze/ in mynde/ doth coueyt muche moze
As his coyne increasyth/ and treasour tempo' all
His gredy appetyte/ increasyth styll with all

Forsoth he possessith: hym selfe: moſte partytely
And eche parte: to reason/ is due obedient
Whiche is of hole mynde/ beholdynge inwardly
All thynges to be sene/ to ryght expedient
Suche one: hym selfe rulyth/ by partyte Iugement
And is called pfyte/ as men hym pfyte call
Whiche hath his hole membyres/ and partis co'po' all

But contrary wyse: this parte to vnderstande
 That man is nat parfyte/ whiche is noseles: oꝛ blynde
 Oꝛ wantyth any parte/as arme/legge/fote/oꝛ hande
 In lyke wyse that parson/ is nat parfyte of mynde
 Whiche one thyng parfourmyth: another left behynde
 Oꝛ whole lyght of reason: is drownd in derknes
 Oꝛ whome sondꝝ errours: inuolupnge doth oppresse

Inough can it nat be/ the to defende from pye
 And to be subduyd/ of beastly glotony
 What bayleth to auoyde/ frayle venus ragynge fyre
 And ouecome to be/ with malyce and enuy
 What helpith pacience: where reygnyth lechery
 Oꝛ what helpyth mekenesse/ where reygnyth couetyse
 In hole mynde/ and parfyte/ subduyth euery vyce

And stryuyth to baynquyssh/ the/ all errour crymynall
 From his mynde excludynge/ all bzaunche of mystryunge
 For this cause ouercome/ thy desyre fyrst of all
 And thy selfe possesse thou/ as was my fyrst byddyng
 Than care nat/ noꝛ seke nat/ for no farther thyng
 It is nat a tokyn/ of man discrete noꝛ wyse
 To seke outwarde thynges/ and inwarde to despyse

The prudent man sparerth/ no tresour tempzall
 To dꝛyue from his body: syknes: and euery soꝛe
 To haue in possession/ his lymmes cozpozall
 That kepith good dyete/ whan he is hole befoꝛe
 Than choldest thou despyse/ bayne tresour mykyl moꝛe
 And all outwarde thynges/ bttely despyse
 Thy tresour of vertue/ to put in exercyse

Beholde what abusyon/ subduyth frayle mankynde
 All sekpyth foꝛ socour/ of peynes cozpozall
 But betray fewe oꝛ none/ regarde the soule oꝛ mynde
 Let se: who receyueth: with wyll: poyson mortall
 Oꝛ in a pyt pꝛofunde/ wyllngely wyll fall
 But rather: yf he take a dꝛynke in toricate
 Sone doth he foꝛ physyke/ and ayde/ in vestigate

If any brake his legge/ by sodayne aduenture
 Anon abone setter he hyzeth sodaynly
 Oꝛ yf his syght hym fayle/ oꝛ gynne to wax obscure
 Nature hym constrayneth: to seke foꝛ remedy
 But yet shall I touche/ one thyng moꝛe largely
 If an alle go lame: men tary nat a weke
 But streyght to symyth/ foꝛ remedy they seke

Contra: non totus cense-
 tur lumine cassus.
 Nec: sicui nasus: pesq;
 manusq; deest:
 Si etiam/ sicui caligant
 lumina mentis:
 Merfus in errores non
 sibi totus adest.

Ergo te habe primū: nec
 res perquire remoras:
 Pars tibi cū desit proxi-
 ma: quæq; tua est.

Vt sese prudens habeat.
 de corpore morbos
 Pellit: et assidue noxia
 cuncta cauet.

Quisnam cōsulto sumit
 potatq; venenum?
 In foueam quis se præc-
 pitanter agit?
 Quin si quis biberit ca-
 su/ vel fraude cicutam:
 Antidotum medicos pro-
 tinus ille petit.

Sicui crus fractum: subi-
 to conducit aliptem.
 Quin oculis lippis et
 medicina sua est.
 Quod magis est: dicam.
 Claudus si icedit acellꝝ:
 Continuo fabrum tu
 proprio ore vocas.

Cur quoq; / si morbus se
sum / mentēq; grauauit:
Non adhibes curā: testis
tuisse que tibi?

This cure thou cōmittest / for helpe of the body
If diseas haue greuyd / thy reason and thy mynde
Why sekyst nat locour / for helpe and remedy
Namely syth the same / so easy is to fynde
Alas man thou sleapyst / thy reason is to blynde
Thou choldest of thy mynde / haue muche greater cure
Than of thy frayle body / a sak of byle ordure

Hoc etenim cura est ma-
ior tibi mentis habēda:
Quo superat corpus no-
bilitate sua.

Howe moche moze / the mynde / excellyth thy body
In noblesse of nature / and emynent valour
So moche moze / thou choldest / for it fynde remedy
Whan it by thy foly / is woundyd by errour
Consyder: of thy soule / the excellent honour
It hath shape and ymage / of god ommytpotent
Thy body is mortall / as beast / or byle iument

Quid iuuat in tantos il-
lam merfare labores:
Semper vt ancipiti se ro-
tet illa malor
Cur illam in flāmis no-
desq; / diesq; fatigas?

Than putuay for thy soule / thy byle body despyse
Why hast thou suche plesour / to lose so great treasour
In so great bayne labours / drounyng thy mynde this wyse
It tournynge as a whele / in vicis euery hour
And in doutfull damage / in voluyng and errour
What meanyst to tourment / it nyght and day in fyre
And mozte feruent flamys / of thyne vnclene despyre

Et perdis melius / quod
potiusq; tenes?
Impius es nimium: nimi-
um crudelis / et asper:
Inte qui proprias iijcis
ipse manus.

Say: what delyte hast thou: to lose / without profite
Thy dere inwarde Jewell / and pzyncipall treasour
Unkynde is thy pleasour: o: bayne is this delyte
Unpytefull art thou: and cruell tourmentour
Whiche: thyne owne pper mynde / thus drownest in errour
If he be moche cruell / whiche doth his body quell
Who kylleth his owne soule / is muche moze cruell

Quid tantis certas inuo-
luere retibus illam:
Scilicet vnde volens ex-
plicuisse nequis?
En quatitur vigilans cu-
ris: quatiturq; queescēs.

Wherefore doest thou contende / tynuolue / & wrap thy mynde
In snarys and great nettis / of thought labour / and peyne
From whiche at thy pleasour / thou shalt no meanys fynde
The same / to lyberte / for to get forth agayne
Beholde it is troublpd / wakynge / with curis bayne
And nyghtly / whan nature / demaundith quyetete rest
Thy mynde / mozte: with curys: is tossyd: and opprest

Acta velut stimulis irre-
quieta furit.
Tu / tanquā tortor: tan-
quam bellona flagello:
Persequeris fauus: illa
misella fugit.

As a thyp / is tossyd / in behement tempest
So prycked is the mynde / in quyetete by furour
Thou chafest / it fleyth / in ragynge: without rest
Thy mynde is myserable / thy selfe art tourmentour
With scourge it persuyng / and last hyng with rygour
As cruell Bellona / the goddes of batayle
So thy wofull mynde / thyne owne selfe doth assayle

To lose from thy body / a fote oz els an hande
 Were it nat lesse damage / and losse moze tollerable
 Than to losse that parte / whiche makyth vnderstande
 And makyth man to dyffer / from beast vnreasonable
 This is our soule oz mynde / whiche is incomparable
 Gyuen vs from heuyn / without whose gouernynge
 From wylde and brute beastes / we dyffer lytly thyng

But well myght be countyd / with them vnreasonable
 What hope disceytfull / hast thou / both quicke & deade
 If thy mynde be from the / seke / blyndyd / and mable
 Whiche both in lyfe / and deth / is graunted / the to leade
 Wherefore here what counseyl / of reason doth the read
 If yst cleas all dysalis / out of thy mynde and thought
 Than art thou sure and safe / and fayle / thou canst nought

Than art thou sounde and hole / than art thou hole perfite
 If thy mynde and reason / be pure and without byce
 So that thou gyde thy mynde / ryght vnto thy profite
 In ways good and holsome / and ryght wyle exercyse
 Than shall it / to the do / iust dute and offyce
 But brefely to shewe the / o reder : dere and kynde
 Thynke this is the dute / of perfite : and hole mynde

An hole mynde and pfit / desirith that onely
 And that onely hoppyth / whiche lastith ydurable
 Whiche all tyme doth profyte / the mynde to fortefy
 And good without mesure / oz ioy intermynable
 On the other party / it dredith payne damnable
 And all thynges noyenge / with endles dolour
 Wherin none assysteth / with confort noz socour

Moze brefely to declare / the mynde desirith blys
 And wolde fle that tourment / whiche is intermynable
 With all crafty stody : and meanis : glad it is
 To seke that sure glozy : and ioy incomparable
 Whiche non infyrmyte / to byolate : is able
 It onely doth sozowe / those lossis and damage
 Whome no ioy succedith : noz plesant auauntage

But by whome lyfe endles / and soulys helth is lost
 This dredith an hole mynde : and fearyth inwardly
 In other erthely plesour : it faryth lyke an hoste
 A shorte tyme solournynge : and flyttinge by and by
 Thynge erthly : and caduke : despyrnyng vterly
 Than vse the lyke a ghest : take ryches in lyke case
 As one : nat longe wyllynge : to tary in one place

Nonne foret satius de
 corpore perdere dextrā:
 Quam partem: cuius
 viribus ipse sapis?
 Quā pars ptem:e sūmo:
 quā est tibi tradita celo
 Qua sine cū reliquis an-
 numerere seris?

O tibi q̄ falsa est spes / vi-
 uo: et funere suncto:
 Si vi tē: et mortis dux
 tuus ager abest?
 Sūt / ergo imprimis mor-
 bi de mente fugandi:

Quo tibi sis totus: defi-
 ciatque nihil.
 Hanc tu per salubres / et
 rectos dirige calles
 Sana tibi officiū prastet
 vt ipsa suum
 ged / ne te longum teneā
 carissime lector

Officium sanæ mentis
 id est puta:
 Vt tantum speret: quod
 proficit tempore in omni.
 Quodq; sit immensum /
 vel sine fine bonuu.
 Vt timeat: quicquid po-
 ssit sine fine nocere:

In quo non assit: qui se-
 rat vllus opem.
 Omnibus vt studijs so-
 lers ea gaudia querat:
 Quæ nullus morbus frā-
 gere / visq; potest.
 Vt soleat solum damnū:
 quod nulla voluptas

Consequitur: vel quo vi-
 ta / salusq; perit.
 Cætera nil pendas: nisi
 quantum penditur vsus
 Hospicij: vnde parat
 Hospes abire cito,

Quia ea tu pondus cre-
das/morbosq; grauātes:
Quae te vel perimūt; vel
remorantur iter:

Debet onus/morbūq; si-
mul vitare viator:
Vt peregrat cœptam/quā
cupit ire:viam.
Est via:qua gradimur:
vita hæc erit altera vita
Patria perpetuum vel
dabit exilium.

Si patria:ad caros pro-
auos/carosq; parentes
Iimus:vt constet omni-
bus vna quies.

Sin vero exilium:capiet
nos vltimā labe.
Accipiet fletus/perpetu-
usque rogos.
In patriam redeunt:qui
freti munere sanæ
Mētis ab aduersis se ex-
plicuere malis.

Exilium contra subeūt:
qui erroribus acti:
Vtere se ad verum non
potuere bonum.
Mens errat:quoties ra-
tio nō imperat: et;cum/
Quæ bona sunt: cernit:
deteriora sequens.

Sed nimium fuimus dis-
gressi:iamq; redire
Causa monet: nostrum
propositumq; sequi.
In cœptū fuerat nostrū
moderatio motus.
Quodq; nitet rebus iocō
ipicitur que decus.

Consider this moreouer/and stedfastly beleue
That tempoꝛall treasure/of frayle mundayne ri:hes
Is nought but a burthyn:the soule & mynde to greue
And in sondry troubls/blynd wretches to oppres
With thought/labour/sorrowe/care/and heuyenes
Whiche burthen doth outhet/oppresse flea thy mynde
O: els/in thy iourney:hynder the far behynde

A way farynge pastone/ought gladly to auoyde
Both ponderous burthyn/and all diseases also
Wherby/in his iourney/he myght sone be accloyde
This lyfe is a passage/o: way/wher in we go
Circumdate in compasse/with mysery and wo
But the lyfe insuyng:ys countrey permanent
Of rest/joy/solace/o: els endless tourment

Thus outhet he grauntth/sure rest o: exyle
If it graunt vs rest/than endless joy is ours
Amonge blessed lyuers/(in this lyfe countyd byle)
Amonge our forefaders/and olde progenitours
Where fylled with gladnes/and boyde of all dolours
We shall alltogether haue rest interminable
And one lyke fruition/in blysse in estimable

But yf the lyfe cōmyng/put vs in banyshtment
Than:extreme destruction:shall vs wretches oppres
In endless perdicion/fyre/mournyng and tourment
And all maner kynnes/of dolour and distres
But suchel hall/in surete/the lande of lyfe posses
Whiche rulyd by the gyft/of hole mynde:haue ben sayne
To ryd them from spynes/and byle plesours mundayne

But on the other part:suchel entrieth in exyle
Whiche dyspuen in errours/to their confusion
Coude fynde in theyr hertes/to tourne no tyme no: whyle
To vertue and goodnes/from blynde ambusion
The mynde blyndly errith/as often as reason
Nat tulyth/but seynge/clerely what thyng is best
The worst it insuyth:by frowardnes opprest

But ouer longe digression/we make/as I suppose
The matter requirith/ys/forwarde to auance
And brefly to retourne/agayne to our purpose
To speke of the vertue/of worthy temperaūce
Of well ordred manners/and goodly gouernaūce
And what order shynnyth/and worthy comlynnes
Whan men lyst/their dedis/discretly to redres

In this thyng/our speche/hole wytyng/and our style
 Or communicacion/hall hens forth/procede
 As playne as our ingyne/bs grauntyth to compyle
 Wherfore/fyzt/and namely:endeuoyr and take hede
 To kepe comly order/in euery worde and dede
 In all dede and duple/most of effect/do wtles
 Is to rule thyn actys/in ordred comelynes

This comelynes/restyth/in de we conuenience
 And semely propozcyon:orderynge thy dedys all
 Of home to reduce the to clere intelligence
 One comelynes/is callyd/propozcyon specyall
 Another comelynes/comon and generall
 The fyzt one belongyth/to mannys owne body
 The other/to behauour/With out ward company

¶ Of ourwarde comelines in behauour.

This outwarde comelynes/comon a. id generall
 Is so sure adnerid to lyfe of honeste
 That without it:honest: can be no thyng at all
 So is it aparent/and oppyn to the eye
 Oppyn to beholders/both for to here/and se
 Without this behauour(after my iugement)
 No lyfe can seme honest/ryght/no: conuenient

This comelynes:callyd/nought els ought to be
 But of mennys dedys/ade we conuenience
 That is/Whan they? wordes:and warkys wele agre
 Wele syttinge:and semynge:by wysdom and prudence
 Nought done without measure: no: without prouidece
 This wyse:bpou prudence:is groundyd temperance
 As next vnto reason:gyde of good gouernance

And as forme:and beawte:is in the hole body
 yet is it nat the body:but ioyned therunto
 Ryght so is comelynes:conioyned semblably
 To mannys behauour:the same adorninge so
 With order:loke:gesture:and cyrcumstancys mo
 That men takyth pleasour:ioy and felycye
 Thyng ryght aud wele ordred:so semely for to se

And tyke as the faynes:and corpozall beawte
 Delyteth and mowth:With pleasour to beholde
 So comelynes of lyfe/With great felycye
 Reioyeth to mannys mynde:moche more a hūdyed folde
 For good men count bertue more precious than golde
 And wele ordred maners:surmowntynge all ryches
 And namely adournyd:With pleasant comelynes

¶ Hancy.

¶ f. i.

Hac i re noster sermo ver:
 fabitur omnis
 Tam liquido: quantum
 nostra thalia potest.
 In primis igitur studeas
 seruare decorum.
 Vis magna officiis eius
 inesse solet.

Dicitur id duplex: cum
 quoddam sit moderatis:
 Quoddā cōmune: quod
 generale magis.
 Quod cōmune ferūt:est:
 quod comitatur honestū
 Omne • et inest illi • nec
 valet esse sine.

Hoc magis apparēs ocu
 lis/simul auribus extat.
 Hoc sine nil rectum: nil
 reor esse bonum.

Non allud fuerit: quam
 cōuenientia rerum:
 Quas homines recte/vel
 sapienter agunt.

Et velut in toto confusa
 est corpore forma
 Nec tamen est corp⁹: sed
 magis id: quod inest:
 Sic etiam recto censetur
 inesse decorum:
 Quod rectum exornat:
 quodq; videre iuuat.

Sic mouet hoc animos:
 oculos vt forma venusta
 Corporis oblectat: deti
 ner: atq; mouet.

This comon comelynes/oz order generall
 Moze playnly aperyth: and the wyth moze perfeyt
 By the lyght of reason: and in his mynde one i hall
 Moze playnly perceyuy it: than any pen may wyte
 O: than man With wordes is abyll to respte
 Wherfoze this omyttinge/let vs our style addres
 Compendeonly to roche/the seconde comelynes

Of the seconoe comelynes in behaour.

The seconde comelynes/concernynge honeste
 Belongyth to mankynde/in p:oper gouernance
 To temper his moeyons: that all they Wele agre
 In habyte/boyce/gesture/in loke and countenance
 In shamefastnes/mesure/tyme/place/and cyrcumstance
 So that all thy maners/in worde loke and gesture
 As the tyme requy:eth/be ordered by mesure

Sed neq; desidia dederit
 se arate siuili.

Quis neget a senibus
 plurima posse geri:

Aut leget: aut scribit: cu
 primu ex aede reuersus
 Sacra: vbi iam primo so
 le oriente fuit.
 At puer abdisca: tu plu
 rima corde reponat.
 Nam facile est pueru co
 gere ferre iugum.

Soche maners shall the make/plesant and acceptable
 Amonge comon people/hauynge great laude and fame
 And befoze all other/accept and ameyable
 No: after my counsell/despyle thou nat the same
 Whether a multytude/do the commende oz blame
 The iugement of many is greuous to despyle
 And oft comon rumour/is trouth: I the promyse

Nec cutes: sensus si non
 percepit ad vnguem:
 Cum recitat multos or
 dine mente libros.

It nedes must be trewe/Which euery man doth say
 Therfoze: fame despyle nat: and se that thou attende
 Unto the comon boyce/of people to obey
 For he: Which his credence: no ferther Wyl extende
 But hym selfe/and actys: alleonly to commende
 Nat forsynge what other/hym hynder oz auance
 As Iugyd nat partles/of pryde and arrogance

Nam/spersu in terra: se
 men producere germen
 Differt per menses/et ta
 men inde feret.
 Interrea terre matris
 nutritur in aluo:

Some maners vncomely/by they: dyffozmyte
 By they: yll example/oz vnkynde intury
 Offendyth mennys myndes/and Wondyth as We se
 Ho We vyolent Weapyn/oft Woundyth the body
 But suche of hyle maners/ar callyd comonly
 Wyle persons humanered/and Wretches Without Cham
 Them hurtyng the body/vntyght Wyle may We name

Cui tacito vires subge
 rit illa suas.
 Sic puer/a tenetis quacu
 q; acceperit annis:
 Reddere iam fructus se
 tiet illa senex.

No: thynke it nat ynoughe: no: thynge suffycient
 Allonly/fo: te kepe/order/and comelynes
 Of gesture of body/as is conuenient
 Also/thou must stody With gretter besynes
 The comelynes of mynde: in Ward to reb:es
 And in Wardly to kepe/that be Wre most of all
 Moche rather than/hauour/oz gesture co:pozall

This comlynnes is kept/and god order of mynde
 Whan clere reason rulyth: as regent souerayne
 Or if it be subiecte/agaynst nature and kynde
 Than sone to his power/it to restore agayne
 And styll in holy trone/it after to meynstayne
 For where reason rulyth/or is sure reparate
 By no lust vncomely: can mynde be byolate

¶ Of ye to be exchequed.

In this part/moste namely/defende the from foule yre
 This foule byce dysfourmyth/both countenance & mynde
 The tonge it dysstaynyth/byrnyng the herte on fyre
 What canst thou consyder/moze lothely in mankynde
 Than a wretchfull bylage/rayne as tyran blynde
 Oft grynnynge/oft gnashynge/and somynge in furour
 Or gapyng as a bere/pore wretches to deuour

As a boze assaylyd/With doggys rornde about
 Or as a proude palfray chafyd With spurs or byt
 From theyr mouthes chastyth Whyte somynge streim out
 So faryth this blynde wretche: ragynge for wāt of wyt
 As/redde in his furour/all meschere to commyt
 No man wolde suppose hym/a man of wyt laudable
 But turnyd to furies/lyke beste vnresonable

And as one furious/mad/ragynge without mynde
 He losyth a all counsell/and ryght wyse iugement
 His reason subduyd/his wyttes all made blynde
 And oft he comitteth/hasty and byolent
 That dede whiche longe after/hym causyth to repent
 He sodenly stryketh/With worde or els knyfe
 And wenyng to correct/depryuyth name/or lyfe

Than streyght he repenteth/and penyfe is therfore
 And without remedy/his wrath turnyth to wo
 For neyther name nor lyfe/can he agayn restore
 Thus losynge another/hym selfe is lost also
 And by his occasyon oft: byuers other mo
 The dere wyfe and chyldren/and oftyn all the kyn
 Longe sozo we/and be waple: one hasty wretches syn

¶ Howe man may refrayne and beware of yre.

This pestilent plegge/to banquyll he/or auoyde
 Or yre: take his entree (consyder wele this clawle)
 That if inflame the: thy reason is acloyed
 Therfore at begynnynge/respit/a space/and paryse
 Wele ponderynge/emulynge: what is the ground & cause
 And whether: by rāthe/anger: thou remedy mayst fynde
 If nar: than refrayne the: and mptigate thy mynde

¶ Hancy.

¶ f. ii.

Aut animum poterit com
 ponere quisq; decēter:
 Imperium ratio si tenet
 ipsa suum.
 Aut / si deiecta ē propria
 de sede: resumit
 Confestim solium/quo se
 det: illa sacrum.

Hic primū turpi tete ser
 uabis ab ira.
 Deformat vultū quē si
 mul/atq; animum.
 Turpius irato quid pos
 sis cernere vultu:
 Cum fluit a rapido spū
 meus ore liquore

Sic dispumat aper: cist
 latrante caterua.
 Sic etiam/ frenis exagi
 tatus: equus.
 Non hominē dicaster
 aens quē concitat ira.
 In furias versus: incipit
 esse fera.

Consiliū perdit tanq̃ fu
 ria sus/et amens.
 Poenitet hunc facti pro
 tinus inde sui.

Quo pestem hāc fugias
 tecū mcditaberis ante:
 Vt confites: si te causa fu
 roris adit.

In specula tanq̃ vigilat:
qui p̃euidet hostes:
Sic vigila: i cauto ne ru
at ira tibi.

Egredienty domum/tan
q̃ certamen adires:
Liminesub primo proui
dus arma cape.
Teg̃ para: sicut timeas:
ne forte latrones:
Aut tibi nō visus hostis
obesse queat.

Si tamē incautus fueris
prolapsus in iram:
Ne tuleris mersum te fa
cuisse diu.
Interea nullo fumus de
crimine p̃enas.
In p̃enis viliū non ha
bet ira modum.

Seuiciam nimiam tu de
testabere semper.
Et modicas p̃enas tu pi
us vitor ames.
Precipue dulces genitor
fi affligis alumnos:
Cū modica in natos p̃e
na sit apta patris.

Ac veniam pronum cū
te natura creauit:
Siluestres crudus nō imi
tere ieras.

Est quoq̃ vitandus mo
tus contrarius ire:
Qui semper ludo verti
tar in ioco.
Non nos ad ludos genu
it natura/iocusq̃.
Sed multo grauius illa
requirit opus.

Lyke as Wyle Warryour/sygnify a so wdyour
foz enmyes appoehyng/to Watche and to espy
Beholdyng fourth a far/from Wyndowes of a to Wer
So Watche thou for Wrath/and anger semblably
Consyder his assa Wrys/and Wylsely put them by
Kelyst at begynnynge: ponder that pacyence
More oftyn p̃euaulyth/than yre and vyolence

As passyng thy lodgyng/prepare the to batayle
Draue nere the thyne armour/as Wyleand prouydent
At the fyyste mocyon/Whan yre shall the assaile
Stande stoutly resyst hym: strongly intontynent
Lyke a 3 thou Wolde Withstande/thy foes vyolent
Or as if thou feryd/theuys appoehyng nere
Of thy lyfe to reauē the: or thyng to the moste dere

But if thou bn War ly/be fallyn into yre
Than suffer nat thy selfe: therin longe to remayne
But ryle thou as quicly/as from a flamynge fyre
To fall/les rebuke is/so man sone ryle agayne
But in the mean season/Whyle yre doth the dystayn
Take nat ryll he punysshement/of any creature
Foz yre hath no maner/no mercy/noz mesure

At all tyme abhor thou/to moche cruelte
Foz great offences/take lyttyll punysshement
Reuenge thy Wzonges/With mercy and pyte
But namely thou father/be meke and pacyent
Aynst thy dere chyldren: and nat to vyolent
Foz small punysshement/doth soze and great apers
Of a tender father: agaynst hys chyldren dere

Whyle men thynke/by rygour/soly to myttygate
Oft tyme the transgressour: coꝛrecte beyonde mesure
Is proner vnto syn/moze hard and obstynate
Sith prone vnto mercy/the fourmyd hath nature
Folowe nat/in maners/a beastly creature
Blast nat after/blode by cruell vengeance
Thus art thou comaundyd/by Worthy Temperance

¶ Also moche boundyng/ or spore to be eschuyd.

A nother Wylde mocyon: to ragynge yre contrary
As dyssolute sportys/and Wanton game or play
Also muste be boydded/as thyng nat necessary
Wankynde is nat bozne/to spore/and boude al way
Thoughe luste this requyrez/ yet reason Wyl say nay
Of nature to tryfels/product none of vs be
But to sadder pastyme/and Warke of grauyte

Be rather in wordys frutfull and pꝛofytable
 Than iocundly gestynge: With worde of wantones
 Men sugyth the lecour: to the bestell semblable
 And oft tyme the wordes: doth manny's thought expꝛes
 Use seldom tyme bourdys: but often vse sadnes
 yet temperance chargyth nat: sportys to refuse
 But in tyme and measure: all thynges foꝛ to vse

Ne yther it semyth: to vse the in that wyse
 That all men foꝛsake the: foꝛ solem graunte
 Noꝛ to be so wanton: that all men the despyse
 foꝛ companable sportys: and familiartye
 Seke nat to get gloꝛy: noꝛ laudys vnto the
 Of a comon gester: oꝛ bourder haupnge name
 Thou countest this woꝛthyp: but certys it is shame

Lyke as it is lesull: to people satygat
 And wery With labour: theyꝛ bodyes to comfort
 And some tyme them restynge / theyꝛ strength to recreate
 Ryght so is it lesull: to bourdys to resoꝛte
 And sometyme the spyꝛtyes: to recreate With spoꝛte
 But mengle so in mesure: myꝛth and iocundyte
 That men nat repute the: foꝛ gottyn graunte

Vse myꝛth With good maners: and moderate mesure
 With honest shamefastnes: and nat outragious
 Or els in luche wordys: of myꝛth thy selfe inure
 Wherby thou mayst apere: quicke and ingenious
 Nat ragynge in gestys: as rybalde bylanous
 But whan thou seest leason: and felawes lyke to the
 Than leason thy bourdys: With pꝛudent graunte

And vnder iocunde iestys close wyldom: and substance
 Nat gyglynge noꝛ laughyng: foꝛ others bayne plesour
 As the tyme requyꝛyth alter thy countenance
 And after thy matter: nat to wanton: noꝛ soure
 Eralt nat thy wordes: in dyssolute clamour
 Noꝛ in speche superflue: in goinge and gesture
 Be nat rassel he noꝛ hasty: but sober and demure

Hurt no maner persone: With thy iestynge wordes
 Gypynge them occasyon: of anger oꝛ sadnes
 Auoyde of all checkys: se that thou vse thy bourdes
 To moue one to malyce: another to gladnes
 It ought nat be laudyd: but repprouyd: do wiles
 Thoughe many by thy myꝛth: be iocunde in an hall
 One chekyd: and hasty: lone trouble may them all

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Vtilis in dictis sis / plusq
 voce facetus.
 Seria sint crebro: rarior
 ipse iocus.
 Nō tamē illa vetat nos
 ludere / nonq iocari.
 Sed iubet in rebus omni
 bus esse modum.

Non decet: vt: tanq du
 rus: fugiaris: et asper.
 Nec quoq: contēptus sis
 leuitate tua.
 Gloria non ludo tibi sit
 quēfita / iocog:
 Vt tota fias ludius vrbe
 vagus.

Vt licuie fessis vires re
 perare quiete:
 Sic salibus raris te re
 creare licet:
 Cūq: iocū misces: sic / sic
 moderab. re dictis:
 Ne facile ex ipsa tu gra
 uitate cadas.

Sid iocus ingenuus / mo
 deratus: sit verecundus.
 In quo vel multum luce
 at ingenium.
 Ergo vbi tēpus erit: non
 tanq scurra volabis.
 Sit salibꝝ pōdus. gestus
 et ipse grauis.

Vox tua non nimio fue
 rit clamore soluta.
 Nec citus incessus: cuiq
 tumultus ineet.

Nō lædant quenq: caue
 as: tua verba iocosa.
 Contristēt nullum. sint
 sine dente sales.

Nec ridere vetant quæ
mea scripta modeste.
Sed nimium risum for-
ma decora vetat.

Turpis enim risus nimirum
natus est ubique
Quid pueri: et fractus
quod mulieris habet.

Est odio dignus qui fur-
tim riserit: et qui
De damno alterius sol-
uerit ora iocans.

In ludis vites: quo qua-
stus queritur: et quo
Iacturam nimiam tem-
poris ipse facis.

Si fueris iuuenis: ludum
tibi querere laboris:
Qui causam prester: quæ
moderate tamen.

Ludere non unquam vidi: nec
perdere tempus:
Egregium: et digna cum
gravitate: senem.

And byefely / suche boundes ar lyttyll of baluice
Whiche purchase dyspleasour of any creature
In ca Wylngge one to la Wgh / a nother for to lo Wec
Noz no man forbyddyth our Wyltynge oꝝ scripture
To la Wgh: so it be done: in maner and mesure
But comelynes of chere / and shape of countenance
By la Wghyng superflue: is greuyd of semblance
Of ouer muche la Wghyng to be forbome.

Ouer moche la Wghyng / is so Wle and dyschonest
Unto the face and fygure / nat small dysfomyte
One al way lo Wde la Wghyng / at euery toy and gest
Wakyth his hyd fol / playne euydent to be
One euery Where la Wghyng / as is a chylde to se
Lo Wde gyltynge and la Wghyng / is but a folyse signe
And euydent tokyn / of maners semenynne

Gyn nat in dysplea: With faynyd countenance
A fayre iocunde smylng / is countyd comendable
Who la Wghyth at myschefe / therin haupnge plesance
Of hatred is Worthy: as le Wde and reprouable
To la Wgh at byce comyrttyd / is greuous and danable
As theft oꝝ auo Wtry / oꝝ others losse oꝝ greue
Soche seme by theyr la Wghyng / meteners of myschefe
Of ouer moche and dyschonest play to be cryed.

Fye gamnyng and playes / as rote of sondry cryme
And most namely suche / Where lucre is damnable
Oꝝ Where losse insuyth / of goodys name / and tyme
And falschod comyrttyd / by meanys dyspayueable
Where is murder / periury / and othys abhomyable
And other his conclusyon / theft / stryfe / and beggery
Oꝝ goodys fallly gottyn / by fra Wde and trechery

Of fresche lusty iuuent / yf thou be in the floure
Than get the to sportys / as is to the semynge
Thy stenth to exerce / in pastyme of labour
But Wle must thou / mesure / and order in all thyng
With tyme and company / as semyth best syttinge
Obserue these circustancys / and gānyng is la Wdable
Oꝝ els it is foly / and thyng bytuperable

Age neuer sa Wde I play: and Without losse of tyme
For gamnyng / and age / doth very Wl agre
A small sa Wte to youth / in age is greuous cryme
None olde man can play / and kepe his graupte
Of deth the remembrance / his gamnyng ought to be
It is a fonde fury / and betay blynde dotage
To haue chylde the pleasour / in colde dyscrepyte age

Age wyse/and great player/neuer sawe I in my lyfe
 Nor a yonge man gynn/to greatly vnto play
 Whiche in tyme to come/was lykely for to thynke
 Or come to great honour/but rather sone decay
 Wherefore yowth refrayne the/consyder this all way
 Wele mayst thou recouer/ryches and honeste
 But tyme past/and myll spent/reuokyd can nat be

Of wyse men and lernyd/frequent thy company
 Whan thou art dysposyd/thy mynde to recreate
 After Wery Watchynge/and labour of stody
 Of suche company/it thou be clene ppyuate
 More than on sone plesour/nat hurtyng thyne estate
 Medytacyon augmentyth/the wyttes semblably
 And quickenyth/as Walkynge doth comfozde the body

Of lust of Venerous to be refraynd.

Be nat beastly redy/thy lustys to full
 Let venus fele byddell/hy pleasours to refrayne
 For if thy carnall desyre/a brode Wander at wyll
 Thy so wle name: and body/it greatly shall dystayne
 Who: to moche on Venus: fyrid his mynde and Brayne
 Or length to his belly/is beastly of nature
 Of man onely berynge/the name shape and fygure

Nought lykenyth more/mankynd/to passe vnreasonable
 Than glotony and sloth/and lust without reason
 These thre confederate/in Workynge agreable
 To vertuous maners/ar venenous poyson
 Both wyt and dyscrecion/kepynge in dongion
 And who that perseueryth in any of these same
 He losyth/so wle: body/lvse ryches and god name

What remedies ar agaynst bodely lust.

Who wolde of byle venus alay the feruent flame
 Or quenche in his body/the nutryment of lustys
 Must take a way: the fyry: byondys from the same
 Remembrynge/it shall tourne: to caryon and dust
 Nought kendelynge for this flame: in mynde reuolue he
 And sobernes obseruyd: he must auoyde excellence (must
 Nought kyndelyth more: Cuppyde: than beastly Drunkynes

Whā fayre flatteryng Cuppyde: shall the With dart assaile
 Abyde nat the byckerynge: stand nat to stryue & fyght
 It is a stryfe do wtfull: and daungerous batayle
 And most for a bantage: it is to take thy flyght
 Auoyde place: and presence: fle wordys: fle the syght
 Fle bed: worde: and chamber trust nat to thy wysdom
 Els art thou made subiecte: and wrechydly ouercome

Nec iuuenem vidi nimio
 se dedere ludo:
 De quo precipui spes sit
 habenda boni,

Sit tibi congressus cum
 doctis/cumq; peritis:
 Cum/studio lassus: te re-
 creare cupis.
 Ingenij vires auget me-
 ditatio gressus.
 Incolumes artus nō mi-
 nus ille facit.

Sentiat et frenum vene-
 ris sibi adesse voluptas:
 Ne/quantum libuit: sit
 spaciata procul.
 Qui nimis indulget ve-
 neri:paretq; palato:
 Re pecus est:tantum no-
 mine dictus homo.

Quisq; cupidineas pote-
 rit cōpescere flāmas.
 Qui fomenta rogis ab-
 stulit apra suis.
 Quisq; nihil voluens ani-
 mo:quod concitet ignē.
 Nec nisi seruata sobrie-
 tate:bibit.

In pugna dubij noli pro-
 dire duelli.
 Cū venere/et mensa prae-
 lia in ire caue.

Nec tentare velis : quā
sobrius/atq; pudicus:
Cum Thais:et mensa sit
tibi structa prope.
Difficile est flamam non
se inclinare repente:
Proxima cū rapido sit si
ta stupa rogo.

Turpia quo vincas : fac
certes eminus illis.
Fac tua ne subeat testa
petulca cohors.

Ne veniant intro : cum
vestibus obstrue portas.
Non tutum est illis con
seruisse manus.

Nō sine te victo/credas:
in fine:recedēt.
Ipse triumphatus/& spo
liatus eris.

Quæritur hac in re solū
fugiendo triumphus/
Quid mirere magis : est
data palma fugæ.

Deniq; captiuus si forte
cupidinis ires.
Te propere redimas : q̄
minimo are potes

No be thou nat in purpose/to proue oꝝ to assay
Ho we thou cans in chastyte/and sobrenes abyde
Whan the table chargyd/and Thays deckyd gay
To tempe and prouoke the/be redy by thy syde
But fle and Withdꝛa we the/be ware and stande a Wyde
Conioyne nat fyre to flare/the one ote/the other dry
It hard is to kepe both/flamynge sodaynly

That thou mayst ouercome/these byces bestyall
Fygh t With them alowse/and neuer aproche nye
Of the sorte of Thays/suffer thou none at all
In the howse to enter/far flye theyꝝ company
Theyꝝ goꝝgayes dysgysynge /regard nat vtterly
Theyꝝ peakys noꝝ pappys/theyꝝ glystryng payntyꝝ skyn
Aduyse nat/foꝝ these at/hyd snarys vnto syn

Theyꝝ falce hear inuoluyd in nettyꝝ intrepcate
Theyꝝ brestys vnbraiyd/theyꝝ smerkynge payntyꝝ chyn
Of youth and confusyon/and the syndes bayte
From god to lucyfer yonge people foꝝ to Wyn
Therfoꝝe bar thy gatys /let none of them com in
A voyde them as furyꝝ/ysued out of hell
It is exttreme peryll/With any of them to mell

foꝝ if they onys enter/and onys thy hert inflame
Beleue:they departe nat/(so come they foꝝ the nonys)
Tyll they haue ouercome the/to thy rebuke and shame
And tyll thou be spoyled/and gna wen to the bonys
Therfoꝝe flye theyꝝ clawes/fly and a voyde at onys
foꝝ it is but foly/to trust thy Wyt and myght
foꝝ here in is gottyn:sure vyctoꝝy by flyght

And that is moze wonder/and moche moze maruayle
The palme here is gwyn/to luche as Wyl nat fyght
But flyeth in all haste/and Wyl nat abyde batayle
Recembynge a cowarne/and auoydynge out offyght
Trust nat thy Wylsom/thy graunte noꝝ myght
These femenyne flatteryng/and wepyng saynydly
Subduyth all constance/and myght they mollesy
Of meanyꝝ to redeme the from bondage of Venus.

If thou to hyle Venus/oꝝ blynde Cuppyde volage
Be led as subgeet/bounde in captyuys
foꝝ as small as thou can:thy selfe tyd of bondage
Hast the by some trayne/out of prysen to be
Sone fyle of thy fetters/get the to lyberre
If small thynges helpe nat/no peryll se thou spare
Use vyolence oꝝ strenth/to breke thy dedly strare

Shake of thy coler from thy necke miserable
 In tary is no trust / but ioperdy mortall
 As olde rottyd soys aperyth incurable
 So is it harde to fle / olde luste benereall
 Who flatteryth blynde venus / hath most bondage of all
 And Whyle man prolongyth / to leue his Wylde desyre
 Hym venus mosste flamyth: With feruent dedly fyre

Syth thou art man fourmyd to goddys oWne ymage
 Preserue goddys fygure / from beastly bylany
 folloWe nat thy lustys / as rennyng in outrage
 But from carnall plesoure / a boyde the bitterly
 Remembze / thou nat canst / offende so secretly
 But that thyne oWne persone / is wytnes present there
 Thā Why shuld the other / moze than thyne oWn self fere

Thou Woldest nat offende / befoze a kynge present
 Nor any other persone Whiche louyth honeste
 Than art thou not aserde / of god omnipotent
 So soWle dede to cōmytte / befoze his mageste
 Doest thou nat consyder / that god all thyng doth se
 Alas: Wether Wylt thou / fle: to persourne thy lust
 But god there is present / and se the nedes muste

Fle by to the clowdes: o: hyde the in the grounde
 Inclose the in cauernys / o: place inuestygable
 In heuyn / hell / and erthe: o: in those profunde
 Our lordde all beholdyth: o captyse myserable
 Consyder this in mynde / and lyue as resonable
 If thou Woldest aball he / befoze a lordde o: knyght
 Than fere thou moze greatly / to syn in goddys syght

Wherfoze / syth our lordde / doth euery thinge espye
 And serchyth the secrettes / of thyne herte and mynde
 Order and dyspose Wele / thy maners in Wardly
 And thyne in Ward mocyons / in comely order bynde
 And thoughe they be secret / yet: leaue them nat behynde
 For thoughe none perceyue them: that thyng fozeyth but
 Syth thyne oWyn cōscience / & god beholdyth all (small

Thoughe byle luste of venus / in all men be damneble
 yet is it most lothsome / and byle in crokyd age
 In age can no thyng be: moze foule and reprouable
 For thyng moze resemblynge / to frenesy o: rage
 For this thyng belongyth / to fathers olde sage
 By theyr good example / to gouerne Wylde iuuent
 And nat to induce them / to Werkys insolent

Excute de miseris la-
 queos ceruicibus ipsos.
 Vim facias: fugias. ē mo-
 ra plena mali.
 Nam quicumq; fuit Ve-
 neri blanditus: ab illa
 Durius affectus ignibus
 esse solet.

Cumq; homo sis certe di-
 uinę mentis imago:
 Vt deus acarne ē: sic pro-
 cul esse stude.
 Quāuis clam pecces: scā-
 per tamē es tibi testis.
 Cur alium / quā testu ve-
 reare magis?

Qui latitant intus: mo-
 tus compone decoros.
 Nec minus id cures: si
 quia forte latent.
 Namq; parum refert: q-
 memo perspicit illos:
 Quos tacito tecū nocte /
 dieq; vides.

Omnibus est vitio Vene-
 ris damnosa libido.
 Sed nihil in senibus for-
 dius esse potest.
 Pręterea senibus nimi-
 rum conuenit illud.
 Exemplo vt iuuenes / cō-
 silijsq; regant.

Se present tales coram
sermonibus illis:
Vt possint multo: semp
honore coli.
Hoc solo quondā fuerat
veneranda senectus.
Hoc solo antiquos ij vo
luere patres.

Sed contra iuuenes seni
um venerentur: adorēt.
Sint comites longæ/ sub
sidiumq; viæ.

Curia seu poscat: seu sa
cri festa dei:
Herebit senibꝫ officiosa
cohors.
Ex quibus optabunt: cu
ius precepta sequantur.
Gesta simul cuiꝫ sint imi
tanda magis.

Est (fateor) magnum sig
nū virtutis in illo:
Obsequio gaudet qui ce
lebrate senem.

Confirmet iuuenū labor
et patientia: corpus.
Arcēdi a venere sunt / ni
miog; mero.

Sintq; cibi viles positi /
vulgataq; mensa.
Nam tantum venter / nō
saturanda gula: est.
Non epulas iuueni mit
tat famosa popina.
Sed: quas decoxit parca
coquina patris.

And so beholde men agyd: in cōmynycacion
Befoze yowth begaue them: fylp d With nōne offence
That theyꝫ good example / of conuersacyon
May reduce fraple iuuent / to vertu and prudence
Wherby they: may tyll age / haue greater reuerence
foꝝ soche good example: and haue your cōmendable
In olde tyme men agyd: Were greatly honozable

And foꝝ soche example / sad fathers auncyent
Were honoured of fathers / moze yonge of theyꝫ lynage
Ageyne: this belongyth: to duty of imient
To woꝝchyp and honour / olde fathers sad and sage
To susteyne and comfort / theyꝫ lyfe and feble age
To gyde and assyst them / in chyꝫ che / way and strete
Gyuyng the stede / and seruyce: Where euer they the mete

And Whether courtꝫ oꝝ market: requyze / oꝝ solem day
This longyth to dutye / of yonge men commendable
To solo we sage fathers / and cleue to them all way
With trusty attendance / and waytyng seruyable
Of Whome yowth shall desyze / sad doctryne pꝛofytable
To knowe Whose example / them semyth to insue
Whose gesture to folowe / and Whose they shulde exchue

foꝝ trouthe a great tokyn is in hym / of vertue
Whiche glad is With seruyce / to honoure feble age
foꝝ his good example / shall many mo insue
And honour shall he haue / after of his lynage
But one yonge despyng / olde faders sad and sage
Is lykely in his age / to be of small balour
And nat woꝝthy seruyce / loue / woꝝchyp noꝝ honour.

(Of temperance to yongemen belongynge.)

Cyonge men shulde dyspōse them / al way to besynes
And laudable labour / refuylng foꝝ no payne
And therin them custume / quoydynge ydylnes
From excelle of wynges / they must them selfe abstayne
And byle luste of venus / by sobernes refrayne
foꝝ ydyl yowth despoysd / to beastly glotony
Ken hedlyng to ryot / byle lust and lechery

Therfoze ought theyꝫ meatys / be comon and homely
Nat ouer abundant / costly noꝝ deynceous
To content theyꝫ body / and nat foꝝ glotony
Serue thou nat iuuent / With dysshes sumptuous
From the costly kychn / of taste delectious
Small thyng pleasyth nature / let the cōtent the Wōmbe
With scarce meat in measure / of poze kychn at home

Confortyd is nature/by meatys in mesure
Mannys lyfe is lenthyd/by dyat temperat
By meatys immoderate/connfoundyd is nature
Complexion corrupt: and lyfe is breuuate
The clere Wyt obscuryd: and reason byolate
And With sluggys the sloth/the body hole opprest
For Whan belly full is/the bonys wolde haue rest

Thus temperate dyet/labour and exercyse
Belongyth vnto youth/to bate theyr hye co Wzage
And wdrā we theyr myndes/frō lewde pleasour of byce
In lyke wyse is labour/belongynge vnto age
It semyth nat olde men/them selfe reputynge sage
To gyue them vnto sloth/What wyse man can deny
But that to many thynges/men agyd may apply

After they at moornyng/at sonnyss fy. & ryfynge
Haue seruyd deuoutly our maker fyrst of all
Than may they wyte/or rede/or do some other thyng
Of lyght/easy labour/as beste doth them befall
But chyldren ought to lerne: and rulers on them call
To close in theyr myndes/learnynge as chese tresour
For youth/sone is mouyd to burchyn of labour

Sone is youth compellyd/the yoke stronly to bere
Therfore let them lerne/and render besely
And as for this matter/haue thou no care nor fere
Alps they conceyue nat eche sentence parfaytly
Though they byuers bokys/can render by and by
For sede is nat sa Wpn/into the grounde in bayne
Thoughe it sprynge nat bp/incontynent agayne

For it/certayne season/is hyd within the grounde
Dyffertynge for to sprynge: yet ryllyth it at laste
But in the mean season/it restyth and is bnunde.
Rozylshed in the grounde/and rotynge it selfe fast
As in the mothers Wombe/but Whan that tyne is past
And it hath receuyd/hyd nutrement and strength
To hundredfolde fruyte it spryngeth at the length

So vnder lyke maner: a chylde tender and mylde
What thyng he hath lernyd: in his frayle tender age
Shall fynde therof the fruyt: Whan he passyd chylde
And come to mannys estate: With doble auantage
Therfore fyrst record thou: as byrde within a cage
In thy ioyous iuuent: thy tunys tempynge longe
And than at mannys estate: forth With thy pleasant songe

Aptius id cernas inter:
no lumine mentis:
Quā verbo/aut calamis
id referare queam.

Sed dec⁹ est aliud: quod
partē spectat honesti:
Quē proprios motus tēa
perat/atq; regit.
Hoc habitu/gestu/mēsura/
voce/pudore
Est positum/in cultu: tē
pore/tum; loco.

Hoc facit vt placeas:
gratus sis omnibus vn⁹.
In populum de te fama
perennis eat.

Nec spetnas: populus de
te quid sentiat omnis.
Est graue cunctorū sper
nere iudicium.
Iudicio inferui populi.
nanq; esse superbus
Creditis: solus qui suz
facta probat.

Offendant animos homi
num deformia quēdā:
Vt violant corpus spicu
la missa manu.
Qui tamē offendūt: hos
dicimus inuerecundos.
Dicim⁹ iniustos: qui vio
lenta mouent.

Corporis haud tantum
seruandū crede decorū:
Est animi interi⁹ sed ma
gis/atq; magis.

Sic tibi conueniens cul-
tus / grauitateq; dignus
Ne retegat vestis : quod
tibi corde latet.
Vestis enim multos mol-
les detexit . et intus
Innatum prodit quod la-
tet vlcus iners.

Que rupit in summo eas
nis : vesica pusilla
Est index infra sangui-
nis illa mali.

Delicias potius ctedas
mulieribus aptas :
Quamuis nec nimias in
muliere probem.

Quare deliciae si sint : non
mollis inherere
Nec si non fuerint : anxi-
us ipse pete.
Foemineos sultus / et ge-
stus sumere molles
Vir putet indignum / ri-
diculumq; simul.

Quid magis est contra na-
turam / sine decorum :
Quam sub foeminea vi-
uere veste virum
Sorde tamen careas . nec
tu videaris agrestis :
Molliciem pariter / durici-
ciemq; fuge :

Sis pauper quamuis : tu
munde viuere debes :
Na neq; qui pauper : for-
didus esse licet.

Be comby in clothyng / as sempth thy degre
Wete vnto grauyte / to Wylsom and sadnes
fle pompone aparrayle lyst outwarde banpte
Wygth che we thy hyd thoughtys & in ward folpshenes
for oft : pzo Wde apparayle / doth oppnyly expres
Lyght maners mylorded : hyd in the mynde within
As in ward complryon / aperyth in the skyn

A read byle o: blyster / aperyng o: wtwardly
Is tokyn that yll blode / corrupt and putryfyed
Is clofyd in the flesshe / o: baynes in wardly
Ryght so : by the clothyng / yll maners ar espyed
Soche euydent signes / ar hard to be denyed
Thus dyssolute clothyng : wanton and varyable
Declaryth Wylde maners / and calhe myndys vnstable

Soche wanton a: lyzayle / and dysgyslyng delicate
Belongyth to Wymen / lyght / volage and vnstable
And moche it repugneth to mannys sad estate
yet is it in woman / nat greatly comendable
Sane onely that folys / reioyce in theyr bable
And frayle creatours / of reason vnparfyte
In outeward dysgyslyng haue specyall delyte

Wherfore : if soche plesours of pompose banpte
Come to the by fortune / do nat to them apply
If fortune deny them / as contrary to the
Chan lyke Wyle dyspyle them : no: seke them nat greatly
A man ought to count it : indigne : and vnsemyly
To cloth hym repugnant / to custume of nature
In womans apparayle / o: feminine besture

Soche maner is Wozthy / scozne and dysyson
What is moze vncomeyly repugnant to nature
Chan man to lead hys lyfe / in fraply condycyon
Under founde dysgyslyng / of feynpnyne besture
But yet in thy clothyng / be nat byle and impure
Lyst some man repute the : a rude rurall bylayne
From excelle / and contempte / in lyke maner abstayne

Go neyther in clothyng / to wanton no: to byle
In all thyngys / mesure : is countyd comendable
Though neddy pouerte / all welth from the eryle
yet go clene and clenly / as moche as thou art able
for though the thou be po:ter / yet honeste laudable
Wyl that thy poze clothyng / be nat fylthy / but clene
By poze clene aparayle / god lyfe is outward sene

But though I forbode the / proude curiosyte
yet do I nat counseyl / noz moue the to rudenes
But measure I comende / whiche kepith honeste
Byt wene tender clothyng / and rygour oꝝ hardnes
Denury nat prayse I: noz yet comende exces
Extremyte: in all thyng / is beray yll sittyng
But meane and measure / is laudyd in all thyng

¶ Of temperaunce in lyuynge and dyet to be obseyd

Content the with measure / of dyet / at thy table
Noz seke nat foꝝ meatis / costly / noz exquysyte
Prepare nat by cunnynge / swete meatis varyable
To slake thyꝛste and hunger haue onely thy delyte
Let fode be sufficient / to slake thyne apetyte
Garnyshe nat thy boꝝde / foꝝ luste and glotony
But onely foꝝ nature / and nede of thy body

Let hunger be thy sauce / thy meatis to season
Prouoke thyne apetyte / by holsome abstinence
Care nat yf thy dysshes / oꝝ meatis / be gheason
Where one dyssheth sufficeth / can be none indygence
Inoughe is a banquet / and pleasunt opulence
By sauour of sawcis / the stomake to excyte
Is sygne of glotony / and bestiall delyte

Rekyn nat thy dysshes / but holsome meat desyre
Content the with dyet / of fathers auient
Whiche whylome / were called / from plough tyl an empyre
To rule all the woꝝlde / foꝝ lyuynge excellent
Colde fruytes foꝝ theyꝛ fode / thought they suffycient
Than what pleasour haste thou / so costely to procure
So depnteous dysshes / of them to make oꝝdure

Thynke it nat great gloꝝy / to get thy selfe a name
By smokyng of kethyns / lyke as the smoke doth waste
So lyghtly with the smoke / doth banysh the luche fame
And thy laude foꝝgottyn / whan hunger is onys paste
Whyle the ryche is replete / bnerthes at the laste
Is one synple morsell / set to the wretched poze
Whiche in colde and hunger / foꝝth standyth at the doze

Say what is thy gloꝝy / foꝝ meatis this wyle spent
It is foꝝ bayne gloꝝy / thy meryt is ryght small
If thou wylt make feasts foꝝ god onmyppotent
Than fede goddis seruantis: poze people / fyꝛst of all
Herin is sure meryte / and laudes speciall
And ryght path dyrectyng: to laude and toy endles
Wherfoꝝe thus behaue the: oꝝ ble thou sobrenes

Mancy.

G. i.

Nec / qui te mollem pro-
hibet: te suadet agrestia /
Et durum: quod stat iter
vtrunq; probat.
Dedecet: extremis nimis
um quodcunq; propinquat:
Est laudi: ceterum quod /
mediumq; tenet.

Simplicitas mensæ place
at (non arte paratæ)
Quæ possit tantum tol-
lere parca famem.
Sufficiens victus tibi sit
nec præbeat villam
Mensa voluptatem: sed
tibi nuda cibum.

Excitet ipsa fames ieiun
num longa palatum.
Non sapor iuuetus mul
ceat arte gulam.

Fercula non numeres.
efcas sed posce salubres
Et placeat: quæ olim cœ
na placebat auis.

Nec magni esse puta:
quod gloria / pta culina:
Sit tibi: sed potius sobri
etate stude.

Of all thynges beware / of beaſt / all dꝛonknes
foꝛ it: man deſyleth / with moſte deſormyte
And doth nat foꝛ the tyme / muche differ from madnes
Whan it is inflampd to raſſhe audacite
By madnes it kyndleth / all byle enozmyte
It diſcloſyth counſeil / and caſtith to the grounde
Moſte famous olde Cyties / the ſame doth it confounde

It febleth the body / abydgynge manyſ lyfe
It mouy: h debatis: and kyndlyth lechery
Thouſandes it murthereth / without wepyn oꝛ knyfe
It bꝛekyth louedayes / and cauſyth robbery
The xꝑt it confoundyth / with haſty frenely
Whan theſe byle dꝛonkarde / at ingoꝛgyd as ſwyne
What ſeke they but bꝛaulynge / luſt murder & rappyne

No counſeil / noꝛ coꝛ foꝛte / no graunte / no grace
None order / no maners / no lawe / noꝛ honeſte
No welth: ſtrength: noꝛ ryches: can reſt: where it hath place
But all it confoundyth / by beſtialyte
Reſpyſynge in miſchefe / and all iniquyte
Alas wꝛetchyd dꝛonkarde / aduert thy beaſtly ſyn
Conſyder in what ſtate / and blyndnes thou art in

Whyle thou waſtyſt dꝛonkes / the dꝛynkes waſtith the
Whyle thou wyne contumeſt / by luſt inſatiable
Thy ſelfe art consumed / in thyne enozmyte
Before our loꝛde / art thou: countyd abhomyable
Of angels deſpyſed / as beaſt vnreſonable
Of men art thou ſcoꝛned / and hatyd of moſte parte
And of all vertues / playne deſpytute thou art

The fendys infarnall / alſo doth the confounde
Thy reaſon is blynded / and dꝛownyd in ozdure
And as a wytleſ beaſt / all tted the to the grounde
Alas: grace thou loſyſt: and confoundyſt nature
Fynally: abhoyred / of euery creature
In blaſphemynge othes / is thy delectacion
And headlynge thou renuyſt / vnto damnacion

Wherfoꝛe: this conſyder / and ponder in thy mynde
What moo dyuers perylls / procedyth of dꝛonknes
In boundes of meſure / therfoꝛe / thy lyuyng bynde
And purchace the vertue / of hoſſome ſobꝛeneſſe
But though I gyue counſeil / to fle and boyde exceſſe
yet gyde I nat counſeil / to be ſo ſcarſe and harde
That men may repute: the a couetous nygarde

Nec tamen parcus eris
ſubeas qꝛ nomen auari:

And vse in all placis/ of thy maners to bable
 So that thy lyuynge/ to strayt/ in nygardnes
 Amonge comon people/ be as a comon fable
 Also in small thynges/ vse nat so great hardnes
 That no piace be grauuted/ to pleasour and gladnes
 Fyre thou no lawes/ byt wene other and the
 But that somtyme gladnes: may conforzt grauyte

For ofte of small thynges/ comyth gret dyshonour
 yet soche a small tryfyll grounde of dys honeste
 Is of lytvl substance/ pleasour/ oz balour
 And playne of no profite/ noz yet comodite
 Therfore/ I counseil/ suche nygardpse to fle
 And solem countenaunce/ one peny with gladnes
 Somtyme is better spent: than hozyd great ryches

But though many popntes/ belonge to comelynes
 yet: this is the chiefe/ and mozte especiaall
 Our maners to vary/ and dedis to redresse
 To tyme/ place/ and causis/ accoozdyng as they fall
 One selfe thyng: is nat done: honest: in tymys all
 Our dedis muste alter/ and vary: be thou sure
 As monstrous protheous: ofte varyed fygure

Suche thyng as besemyd / yonge Iuuent and bolage
 Oz thynges of a chyld: comendyd as well done
 Thise can nat be comely/ besemyng man of age
 For tyme/ place/ age/ office/ rounge/ and condicion
 Deuydeth and varyeth/ all thynges/ by set downe
 That suche thyng semyd/ erst: honest and laudable
 Nowe semyth dishonest/ byle/ and incōmendable

Suche thynges as thou dyd/ beyng of symple name
 Without rounge oz office/ laudyd in dyuers wyse
 Whan thou art in office/ thou muste vary the same
 And of thyne olde maners/ the greatest parte despyse
 In court oz in Cytie: thou must nat vse that gyse
 In roughe speche/ and cruell/ whiche thou had in batayle
 There: rygour auauncyd: here: mekenes: doth preuayle

If thou warynge agyd: vse pouthes besynes
 Knowe thou for certayne: thou passyst thy nature
 Thy dutye/ and boundes: excedyst thou: doutles
 As an erryng dotarde: of chyldyshe wyt obscure
 For yf thy feble age/ in chyldyshe lyfe indure
 And alter nat maners/ from wyld to grauyte
 Thyne age as a monster/ all people ought to fle

Mancy,

G.ii.

Et fias vulgi fabula
 trita tui.
 In minimis rebus ne cus-
 res figere leges:
 Laticiae vt nullus sit da-
 sus vsq; locus.

Nam res perna quidem
 p magnū dedecus affert.
 Et tamen illa nihil vtili-
 tatis habet.

At/cum si nt multa para-
 tes/causa que decori:
 Præcipua est: scimus qua
 variare vices.
 Nō sēper fit idē sub quo
 quo tēpore honestum.
 Vt Protheus; multas
 vertitur in facies.

Quicquid enī iuuenē de-
 cuit/puerūq; tenellū:
 Non eadem possunt illa
 decere senem.
 Condicio; officium; tem-
 pus distinguit: et ætas:
 Vt/modo quod decuit:
 nunc tibe turpe putes.

Iāq; magistratus/modo
 quod priuatus agebas:
 Define.nūc aliud publi-
 ca causa monet.
 Quæ fuerāt mediis tibi
 verba ferocia castris:
 Vrbe morans mitte.
 respuit illa toga.

Si studiis ageris iuueni-
 libus ipse senescens:
 Scito;q; officium defea-
 ris omne tuum.
 Si neq; mutauit mores
 prouecta senectus:
 Vt tetrum mōstrū: diffi-
 gienda tua est.

Optasti iuuenis p̄tigere
adusque senectam:
At nunc optanda est al-
tera vita seni.
Ridendus senior: pueri
qui suscipit artes:
Tanquā si in cunis nūc
recubare velit.

Aspice/quā differs alijs
in veste: sacerdos:
Tantum differre morib⁹
ipse velis.
Et/quō mai⁹ apex cin-
gir tua tempora: tanto
Est morum cura maior
habenda tibi.

Non facias: vt quisq; fa-
cit: cum non tibi quisq;
Collatus fuerit: perforce
maius opus.

Si leo sis factus: mores
assume leonis.
Non vltra mores muris
habere licet.
Cūq; oculos aquila dede-
rit tibi Christus: in a. tū
Suscipe: nec pergas vete-
tere talpa solum.

Cū fueras miles: castro-
rum tela mouebas.
Nunc Christi miles acci-
pe tela crucem.
Cum medicū gereres: cu-
rabas corpora morbis.
Nūc debes factus pasce-
re pastor oues.

Aduigilans noctu pastor
custodit ouile:
Ne pecudes perdat vis
rabiosa lupi.
Nec satis est sese pastorē
reddere saluum.
Sed debet saluum redde-
re et ipse gregem.

Whan thou whast a yongeman/ thy speciall desyre
Was to lyue tyll age/ but whan thy selfe art olde
A newe maner a lyfe/ thou nedis muste requyre
Where thou in youth luyd/ rathē/ negligent and bolde
Agayne age requirerh/ wylse maners/ sad and colde
And olde man and chyldys the/ of maners ought certayne
Be scoornyd as he lay/ in cradyll newe agayne
Howe prestis ought to differ from other/ in maners/ as they differ in vesture
Consyder: o preste sacred/ to god omnyppotent
Thy gozne and thy clothyng/ thy name and dignyte
These ar to lay people: muche greatly dyfferent
So muche let thy maners/ from lay men disagre
Howe muche moze thou passyst/ in great auctoꝛyte
In myty: oꝝ order/ in office oꝝ pꝛebende
So muche/ loke/ in vertue/ and maners to ascende

And as thou pꝛecedest/ as regent honozable
In vertue and maners/ lyke wylse be pꝛesident
And though none about the/ to the be comparable
yet be thou nat moze proude/ moze haute oꝝ negligent
Noꝝ trust nat moze greatly/ to thyne owne Iugement
But do in due order what longyth vnto the
Nat folowynge the lyfe/ noꝝ sect of comonte

If thou be made lpon/ take maners of lpon
I meane yf men set the/ in rowme and dignyte
Use Justice with mercy/ lawe with compassion
Of maners lyke a moule/ no longer mayst thou be
Cere ypes of an egle/ whan chꝛyste shall graunt to the
Than clerely loke bywarde/ and lyue as thou art bounde
Nid be nat as a moule/ styll dygynge in the grounde

Whan thou were a knyght/ oꝝ a stouboꝛne souldiour
The weppyns of warfare/ were plesant vnto the
But now: thou chꝛystes knyght/ thy weappyn & armoure
The crosse of chꝛyste Iesu/ of deuty ought to be
Whan thou/ of phisicion blyd the faculte
Thou cured seike bodiēs/ of soꝛes coꝝpoꝛall
Thou nowe made apastour: cure soꝛe spirituall

Gyue now to poze languent/ spirituall medycyne
And wathe well thy foldi/ as ought a good pastour
A pastour well watchyth/ by nyght: dedyngge rappyne
Lest byolent wolues/ myght his wayke shepe deuour
It can nat be ynoughe foꝝ meryte and honour
Thyne owne pꝛyuate parsonē/ in sauegarde foꝝ to kepe
Thou muste in lyke maner/ pꝛeserue thy flocke & shepe

But who that his owne lyfe in maner: doth despyse
 And also his poze flooke/erposeth to deuour
 Nought carynge for the same/no: hym selfe in lyke wyse
 Is nat to be callyd/a herde but rauynour
 And ought to be mouyd from towne of gouernour
 Many be whiche count them: herdes without blame
 Whiche rather be wolues: vnworthy they: fyste name

For nother haue they thought / on they: poze hungry shepe
 Or all yf they cared them both to gyde and fede
 They haue nat the conynge/no: wapes them to kepe
 To cure of they: sorys: thus can they nat take hede
 But this nat withstandynge/pet loke they for their reede
 They: duty they chalyenge/and neuer at content
 Though they in they: duty: be neuer so negligent

And greedy ambicion them blyndeth in lache wyse
 That though they be ladyd/with cure innumerable
 And haue but ouer muche: that/can them nat suffyse
 The moste feblest alle/ofte countyth hym moste able
 To bere/of ambicion/the lacke infacible
 The lacke without botome/whiche neuer can say ho
 The moo: they receyue/away they gape for moo

¶ Of beaunour to be chosen

But leue we these wretches/inuoluyd in blyndnes
 As peple incurable by pompous insouerie
 And agayne retourne: we to purpose & processe
 Take hede on all partis/with prudent diligence
 That thou want nought longynge vnto couenience
 On all sydis consyder/what personys behauour
 To the may be metest: and comly/for honour

Some man it becomyth/for to kepe graunte
 And sadnes/in gestur/in speche and in visage
 An other/best besemyth /mery and glad to be
 If this inconde parlone/wolde after his blage
 And counterfayt in chere/an heuy father sage
 It sholde nat be seme hym/no more sholde it agre
 For one/lad of nature/to mery for to be

An other man is mery/soft/toconde of langage
 Lyghtly intreatyd/all gyuen to gladnes
 So mouyd of nature/as well: in youth as in age
 Suche one sholde vnsemely/dispose hym to sadnes
 An other man is symple/all gyuen to playnnes
 Without fraude or farnynge/set hole on beeryte
 An other all thyng spekyth / with crafte and subtylte

Maner,

G.iii.

At/qui cum propria vita
 contemnit ouilis:
 Amotus proprio iure
 erit ille grege.
 Pastores ouium multi se
 se esse latentur:
 Sorriti falso nomina
 tanta sibi.

Nam neque ieiuni cura
 meditantur ouilis:
 Nec quoque/si cupiant:
 munera ferre sciunt.

Quin satur est pastor ru-
 rus: licet omnia pleno
 Suppeditet stomacho
 luxuriosa gula.

Adde etiam: nulla care-
 as ut parte detori:
 Prospice: persona qua
 magis apta tibi.

Est alij laudi vultum ser-
 uare seuerum.
 Ast alij letitia rous magis
 apta sedet.
 Si velit hic tristite se red-
 dere: fiet ineptus.
 Si velit ille hilarem: no
 magis aptus erit.

Est alius lenis/facilis,
 sermone facetus.
 Hic quoq; tristitia possit
 habere nihil
 Hic simplex: veri/et recti
 fit semper amicus.
 Hic nisi cu multa nescia
 at arte loqui.

Quisq; igitur teneat: si
hi quod natura fecūdat:
Si modo nil vicij: nil so-
net ille mali.

Est opere preciiū doctos
spectare colonos:
Semina qui reddunt con-
grua cuiq; solo.
Agricola imprimis natu-
ram quærit agelli.
Inferit hinc plantas:
quas regio ipsa cupit.

Collibus insigit vites/
in vallibus alnos.
In ficcis melius crescit:
oliua locis.

Frigida castaneis: sunt
pinguia conuicta malis.
Litorib⁹ myrtus / citrea
poma virent.
Gaudet mōte pyrus: sed
crescit aquatica lotos:
Et platan⁹ riguis maxis:
ma crescit aquis.

Ergo tuam noscas natu-
ram: herebis et illi
Sedulus: vt præstes. nā
sua quæq; decent.
Ingenio splendere tuo
nitare: labora.
Et tibi non pluris sunt
aliena tuis.

Non bene deuſitat: quod
quis fortitur ab astris.
Nec facile acquireret: q̃
sibi stella negat.
Quando metum ceruus
deponet: quando leonē

A barbarke bylayne / to play the ozatour
Oz counterfayt termys / in langae eloquent
It were muche vnſpyttinge / so wylsome oz honour
To bſe rurall langage / were inconuenient
Bezely: euery parſone: ought to be diligent
To folowe and to kepe: that: nature doth inflame
So that none vnclennesse / noz byce / be in the same

A worlde it is to ſe: wyle tyllers of the grounde
And huſbondes to beholde / howe they be dyligent
To cauſe all they? fruytt / moze largely habounde
Compttynge euery ſcde / to ſoyle conuenient
ſpyt. is the huſbondman: quyrke and nat neclgnt
Of his felde to knowe: the naturall condicion
Chan graſſyth his plantcs / after the region

As nature of the ſoy. is moſte conuenient
His bynes he faſtenyth / on hylles and mountaynes
Oz on pendant clyffis: than is he dylgent
His cornes for to ſowe / on fayre felde and playnes
Cholyng ſoyle approped / to euery ſorte of graynes
His wylous / and albyz / in moſte grounde comonly
For olyuys he cholyth / grounde / harde / ſtony and dze

For chaſtaynes / colde places / comonly cholyth he
The myxtre and orange / by ſey bankes doth growe
In hye grounde / oz hyllys / reioyſeth the pere tre
But the lote / and playne tre / where waters ofty flowe
Thus ſome loue hye dze grounde / ſome watery & lowe
So knowe thy complexion / and after thy nature
Order thy behauour / with all labour and cure

And leane to thy nature / and diſpoſicion
And with all thy power pſeuer in the ſame
For man beſt becomyth / his owne condicion
As thyne owne maners / and wpt doth the inflame
So bſe thy behauour: in ſadnes / myzt oz game
In counterfaytynge other: bſe nat to lour: noz geſt
But folowe thy nature / that ſhall become the beſt

Harde is it to auoyde / ſuche inclynacion
As man hath by planete / at his natpuyte
And thynge: to man contrary / by conſtellacion
To wpy / is nat eaſy / but great diſſyculte
Whan ſhall the bolde lyon / leaue his audacyte
Whan ſhall the hynde / oz hare: leaue their olde dze & feare
Oz leaue they? olde rappne / whan ſhall the wolfe & beare

To drede the bolde lyon/ what tyme leaue shall the bulle
 Whan shall the symple lambe/ nat drede the wolfe let se
 Whan shall the asse forsake/ his nature to be dulle
 Or whan shall the false fore: forsake his subtyke
 Whan shall the dyuer leaue/ in waters fo: to be
 The raupn neuer shall syng: as swane/ or nyghtyngale
 No: the crowe/ no: cockowe/ lyke other by:des smale

The Ro/buke no: do: shall neuer leaue the wodys
 The frogge leaue poolys/ no: hogges leaue o: dure
 The turtill cello to mourne/ no: fyshes leaue the flodes
 No: bees leaue floures/ were and of freshe verdure
 All thyng in they: kynde/ obeyeth they: nature
 It is nat lesse foly/ to stryue agaynst kynde
 Than a shypman to stryue/ agaynst both streme & wynde

A marynet rowyng/ his shype by stren: the of oze
 Agaynst the streme stryuyng: and wynde to hym contrary
 O: tyme is cast backwarde: worse than he was befoze
 Arte: small thyng auayleth/ where nature doth deny
 Unto porte despyed/ such felldome tyme apply
 Be they neuer so stoute/ so balyant and wyght
 Overcome by laboar/ is all they: forces and myght

Lyke wyle: who dyspyth: his gyftes of nature
 And others behauour/ wolde counter: apt alway
 His owne oft he losyth: of others nothyng sure
 And who sure hath one gyfte/ and besy wolde assay
 As a fadyng shadowe/ an other to puruay
 Whyle he two desireth/ he so deludyd is
 That of one and other/ ofte tymes doth he mys

¶ How he oughe behaue hym selfe: whiche of necessity treatyth
 thyng to hym denyed/ of nature and arte

But yf thou constrainyd without any refuge
 Must take charge/ and burthen: of bnerpert office
 To wyng a comon well: as oratour or Juge
 Knowyng: what therto belongyth/ in no wyle
 As yf thou must prepare/ after the comon gyle
 To speke in comon place/ in termys elegant
 Beyng both in rethorpyke/ and gramer ignorant

Chan: thou/ thus constrainyd/ befoze muste well deuyse
 Thy cause well discussyng/ what is expedient
 And lerne what thou lackest/ of men ornate and wysse
 Fyllyll thynne ignorannce/ with labour diligent
 So/ though thou wynn nat laude/ no: name prehemynt
 At lesse way: yet mayst thou/ auoyde rebuke & shame
 By suche wysse prouysyon/ all yf thou get no name

Non timeat taurus: ag-
 na: parua lupum:
 Quando vel assuetā mit-
 tet vulpecula fraudem:
 Aur erit auritus absque
 timore lepus:
 Non vnquam mergus se
 mergere desinet vndis.
 Non canet et coruus: vt
 modulatur holor.
 Caprea non siluas: non
 linquet rana paludem.
 Non gemitū turtur: ar-
 bore mœsta canens.
 Non aliter cupim⁹ quic-
 quam: reuēte mīnerua.
 Quam nauta aduerso
 flumine ferre ratem.
 Qui trahit aduersis na-
 uem currentibus vndis:
 Gaudere optatis non
 solet ille diu.
 Quippe: q̃ amissis supe-
 rante labore lacertis:
 Reijcitur præceps dete-
 riore loco.

Sic/sua qui spernit: cap-
 tans aliena: itequēter/
 Amittens propria: non
 aliena capit.
 Qui: vnum retinens:
 aliud studiosius optat:
 Sape hic delusus stultus
 vtroq; caret.

At si temunus prætoris/
 siue tribuni
 Officium ignotum forte
 subire iubet:
 Vt quia verba foro tibi
 sint facienda diserte:
 Cum neq; sis rhetor/ grā
 maticusq; minus:

Tunc causam meditare
 prius: scitare peritos
 Quod nescis: discas: sup-
 plear ipse labor:
 Vt si non possis nomen/
 laudem que referre:
 Non referas saltem des-
 decus: atque notam.

Quæ semel est autem vi
uendi forma recepta:
Hanc serues. temere nec
variare velis.
Si tamen est ratio muta
di: et perferat ætas:
Fac mutans doceas: q
ratione facis.

Non leuis vt vêtus / fed
pro remobilis affis.
Constans: nō durus / pro
positique tenax.
Nam variare genus vite
leuitatis habetur.
Si temere: leuitas non
leue crimen erit.

Tūc quoq; paulatim mu
tes. nam facta repente
Versio non hominum
suspicione caret.

Ipse magistratus cū sis
tunc exue mentem
Priuatam. populi te ca
put esse putes.

Of maner of lpyunge nat to be raskly chargyd / but with gode cōsiled &
Suche maner of lpyunge / as thou hast onys begon. ^(aduised)
Contynewe in the same / and bary nat rask hely
By so chaungynge thy state / scoone / and contempte is won
But yf resonable cause / constrayne the to bary
And yf thyne age also / be nat therto contrary
Than do / that in chaungynge / it may be sene profitable
That thy cause is honest / ryght wyle and resonable

Be nat lyght as wynde / but with reason mouable
As the cause requyeth / after thy tyme and state
Wyfferre longe / assay all / oꝝ thou be variable
Be constant discretly / nat harde noꝝ obstynate
It is a lygne / of mynde / lyght / and infatuate
The maner of thy lpyunge / to change sodaynly
And great faute and foly / yf it be done rask hely

By lpyll and by lpyll / therfoze thy lpyunge change
foꝝ sodayne mutacions / repugnynth to nature
And amonge acquayntaunce / as well as amonge strange
Suche chaungynge / nat wanteth / suspencion be thou sure
Than: other wylsely change / oꝝ in one state indure
An olde tre transposyd / shall fynde small auantage
Noꝝ an olde byrde takyn: and closyd in a cage

Hangynge in sorwe wꝝ / blowynge from north & west
And vnkynndly seruyd / suche byrde / losyth her longe
But yonge fetherles fowlys / streyght takyn from the nest
Nought knowynge of pleyour / may moze suffer of wꝝonge
An hauke fed vnkynndly / can nat contynewe longe
What sholde a chyld do playnge / wꝝ lpyngynge byrde oꝝ foule
As good (foꝝ the season) a cockowe oꝝ an owle

Amonge olde parrablys / this oftyn haue I red
A bylayns subicte / a iolous boyes wyfe
And a chyldis byrde / at wo and harde bested
In contynuall tourment / abyddynge of theyr lyfe
And at last consumyd / with depe dolour pensyfe
Therfoze well aduys the / befoze thou change estate
Els: mayst thou mourne / to deth / as wꝝetche infortunate

Of the dute and haupour of men in great roume and office
If thou be auauncyd / to roume of dygnyte
Than boyde / & exclude thou / thyne olde & pryuate mynde
Seke nat (as befoze) thyne owne bytylte
Remember howe thy charge / and office doth the bynde
To seke the comon well / leuyng thyne owne behynde
Consyder / thou art set in place of great labour
To serue a multytude / as heade and gouernour

And rather haste thou name/ of labour: than honour
 In this wyle promoted/ to troublous dignyte
 Althou be ruler/ thou art but scrupulous
 Therefore note/ that people/ se/ se: and speke by the
 Than holy dispose the/ for their bryllyte
 Prefere comon profite/ before profite pryuate
 For pryuate behauour/ becomyth nat at state

The lawter/ in pledynge/ for his poore client
 Before his owne profite/ holde set Justyce and ryght
 But agayne retournynge/ vnto our fyrste intent
 Whether thou be prelate/ kynge: duke baron or knyght
 Or other gouernour/ of name power or myght
 Obserue comelynes/ maners: or mageste
 In worde/ loke/ and habyte/ assemyth thy degre

To mayre: Iuge/ and other: set in auctoryte
 Whiche thyng is forbydden/ nat comely nor semyng
 Whiche ar nat prohibyte/ but sounde to honeste
 To a pryuate parson/ or man of meane lyuynge
 Also the tyme/ and place/ refusith many a thyng
 For in one tyme and place/ a thyng may be laudable
 Whiche after/ and elsewhere/ done: were incōmendable

Therefore the sage father/ renomyd Sophocles
 Sittynge in Iugement/ with great auctoryte
 Was worthely blamyd/ of his felawe Pericles
 Bycause he forgettynge/ his rowme and graunte
 Steadfastly behelde/ and prayd the beawty
 Of a goodly stryplynge/ of stature excellent
 Whiche was that tyme present in tyme of Iugement

If this same Sophocles/ had after done the same
 In a place of sportys/ in felde or wastlyng place
 Pericles sholde haue had/ no matter hym to blame
 Thus tyme is of sadnes/ and tyme is of solace
 And place is of sadnes/ and plesour in lyke
 The chiefe poynt belongynge/ to maners and reason
 Is: euer to consyder/ place/ parson/ and season

For lyke as in an harpe/ men blyth comonly
 For to tune the strynges/ in order and concoorde
 The crys to reioyce/ by crafte with melody
 So tyme/ place/ age/ parson/ gest/ countenaunce & worde
 To thynges moste agre/ auoydynge all disorde
 Whiche thynges obserued/ in euery besynes
 Gye beawty/ and bryghtnes/ to plesaunt comelynes
 Of the dute in behauor of pryuate cytezens lyuynge together.

Per te nunc populus lo-
 quitur: sentitq; videtq;
 Vtile quod fuerit omni-
 bus: ergo vide.
 Publica priuatis præfer-
 ri cōmoda debent.

Iuridicus debet imme-
 mor esse sui.
 Tū decus obserues quod
 maiestate verenda
 Sit dignū: mutes os/ ha-
 bitumq; tuum.

Multa quidem prætor
 prohibet: plurima cōsul:
 Quæ neque priuato sūt
 prohibenda viro.
 Multa etiā damnare so-
 let tempusq; locusq;
 Quæ neque sunt alio tē-
 pore digna nota.

Iurgauit merito Sopho-
 clen collega Pericles:
 Quod puerum inspexit:
 dū sacra iura daret.

Si fecisset idem campo
 mediaque palestra:
 Causa fuit iurgi nulla
 Pericle tibi.

Ergo velut cytharæ con-
 cordant ordine nerui:
 Vt cupidas aures mulce-
 at arte sonus:
 Sic tēpus/ psona/ locus
 concordet: et aras:
 Officij vt species: enite
 atque decus.

Est quoq; priuati ciuis
cum ciuibus æque
Viuerē; nec socios subde
re velle suos
Nec tamē ilerius patia
tur subditus esse;
Cum quo iura volunt vi
uere lege pari.

Non adeo simplex; vt cō
temnaris ab vilo.
Dumq; velis lenis; lan
gulduſ esse caue.
Non cui quam viſus ſis
ambitioſus; et audax.
Fac te ſub mittas; non
tamen abiicias.

Aequus eris parib⁹. ſed
nec contēne minores.
Maiores æqua tu quoq;
mente colas.
Non tamē hos metuas
multa formidine triſtis.
Nam; quicunq; ſine eſt
crimine; non meruit.

O quantum debes turpi
tu labe carere
Res ſola hac homines
abſq; timore facit.
Factio non placeat. com
munis pacis amator
Conſule tranquillæ; per
petuæque rei.

Qui bene geſſerunt iam
publica munera; vel qui
Nūc præſunt; merito ſē
per honore cole.
Quoſquoq; vulgauit vir
tutis nomen; honora.
Pulchrū eſt et natiſſe
in honore patres.

It alſo b ſemyth/one Cytzyn with other
If they be of one ſtate: oppreſſion to eſchewe
And to lyue in quyetē/as brother with brother
And nat one an other/bnkyndely to ſubdue
Noz the pozeſt parlon: ſymple: playne: iuſte: & true
Sholde nat hym ſelfe ſuffer/ ſubduyd foꝝ to be
Of one ryght/ admytted/ to none auctoꝝpte

And whome lawe cōmaundyth/ to lyue in different
Noz be ſo ſymple/ that all men the deſpyſe
Whyle thou wolde behaue the/ demure and patient
Beware/ be nat remyſſe/ noz ſhepyll he in no wyſe
Be nat to deſpyꝝous/ tyll honour foꝝ to ryſe
Be nat to pꝛoude noz pert/ ſuche ryſe nat: but decay
Submyt thy ſelfe gladly: but caſt the nat away

Be lyke with thy felawes/ ioconde/ and compynable
Deſpyſe/ noz diſdayne nat: thy poze inferyꝝ
And honour thyne elders/ to them be ſeruſable
Namely yf theyꝝ lyuyngē/ be woꝝthy of honour
Noz drede nat ouer muche: thetꝝ lokeſ/ noz ryꝝgour
Foꝝ what man is faultleſ/ what nedith hym to fear
Of blame may he byde/ but nothyngē can hym deate

Therfoꝝ: o howe greatly/ ſholde thou awayte all tyme
And with all thy wyttēſ/ intentyfly gyue hede
That thou mayſte be faultleſ/ and clere of ſyn & cryme
Foꝝ: thiſ ſame thyngē/ onely: deſpyereth man from drede
Loue thou nat diſcoꝝde/ noz ſtryfys foꝝ to fede
But loue comon concoꝝde/ as muche as is in the
Slake ſtryfe/ and loue peas/ and ſayꝝe tranquylyte

Suche as in tyme paſſyd/ haue taken great labour
To gyde the comon well/ without deſeruyd blame
Them: ſe that all ſeaſon/ thou woꝝthyppē and honour
And ſuche as nowē pꝛeſent/ alſo intende the ſame
Suche: as of iuſte lyuyngē/ and vertue haue clere name
Honour them alſo/ foꝝ great is the pleaſour
Foꝝ chyldꝝen to beholde/ theyꝝ fathers in honour

And oft tyme/ yonge hertes/ at kyndlyd with deſpyꝝe
To deſerue lyke honour/ by lyuyngē vertuouſ
Lyke wyſe as a candell/ in flamyd is by fyꝝe
So youth whiche of honour/ is alway deſpyꝝous
In hope to wyn honour/ doth actē gloꝝyous
So vertue commendyd/ ryſyth to great flame
And yonge noble hertis/ at kyndlyd with the ſame
Howe a foꝝayner oughȝt to behaue hym in a ſtrange Cytē

If thou be a forapner / dwellynge in a strange Cytie
Hedle with none office: noz matters moze oꝝ lesse
Concernynge the Cytie / noz yet the comonte
Order thou allonely / thy proper besynes
Lest by muche medlynge / thou wyth biquetnes
And some one may byd the: forth forapner auaint
To thy natyfe contrey: auoyde thou alpaunt

Of the duty of a Cytezyne anenst a forayne

But thou a Cytezyne / despyse thou no forayne
Receyue euery stranger: with maner ampyable
One harde vnto strangers: she with hym selfe bylane
More lyke to a tyran: than to a man companable
And prouyth hym as badde: as beast vnreasonale
Consyder that hereafter: thy selfe may forayne be
Than dele: as thou woldest: that men sholde dele with the

All men may nat dyscende: of hye and no^r le blode
Noz all men be bozne: in one lande of best name
What force of the contrey: so that the man be good
Some good: for their contrey: byde ofte outbrayde a blame
And ofte an other wretche: to his hole lande is shame
Sholde men out of englande: our lord Jesu erclude
Bycause that he was bozne: within the lande of Jude

Whan from this wretchyd lyfe / at laste thou must departe
And come to heuyn gates / to se the etechnall kynge
It shall nat be askyd / what contrey man thou arte
Frenche / englysshe / scot / lumbarde / pycarde / oꝝ flemynge
But onely shalbe askyd / thy merite / and luyng
A poxe / scot of good lyfe / shall fynde hym better than
Than some ryche lumbarde / oꝝ onble englysshe man

Therefore thou sholde strangers / in no maner despyse
Outbraydyng noz scornynge / with dede / oꝝ wordes fell
For none other cause / but for lyke cruell gyle
Lycan the tyran / as olde poetes do tell
Was iustly transformed / to ragynge wolfe cruell
Courage amonge beastis / ercl. idyd from pyte
As he fyrste one strangers / had byyd cruelte

Of vudennes to be auoyded

Count euery burthen / to the ryght tollerable
And all weyght of labour / without d. ffyculte
But weyght of vncleennes / repute thou importable
Oz what euer repugnyth / in manners of honeste
Count that ouer weyghty / and labour / it to fle
Count all thyng to greuous / whiche may despyle thy fame
And nothyngemore plesante / than hole and pfite name

Of honeste in behauour and speche / to be obseruyd from wordes vudently

*Ipse peregrina si forte
moraris in vrbe
Nullius vrbane sit tibi
cura rei.
Sed tantum proprii ma
neat tibi cura negoti:
Ne tibi quis dicat. Ad
uena vade foras.*

*Sed neq; tu debes pegrin
nos spernere ciuis.
Accipias quengue mitis
in vrbe tua.
Durus in externos: ho:
minem sese exuit omnē:
Et verum in suam se
probat esse seram.*

*Non alia causa vertit
sua membra lycaon:
Quam q̄ in externos sa
uus / et asper erat.*

*Omne tibi credas: q̄ sit
tollerabile pondus:
Sed quod turpe grauat:
non tollerabile erit
Turpe grauat: q̄qd mo
res subuertit honestos
Et quicquid fama te sa
cit esse mala.*

**Turbia natura celacia
membra verenda.
Nam natura/tegēs illa
magistra tua est.**

**Histris/qui in scanā va-
dit:sibi subligat aprat:
Ne prodar:quicquid lex
verecunda tegit.
Non igitur tuleris:q̄ te
verecundior is sit
Scanicus:impune cui li-
cet esse malo.**

**Nec cynicis credas:quis
lus oīa nōla honesta.
Turpia sed,caueas dice-
re verba palam.**

**Turbibus abstineas dic-
tis:grauiora locutus.
Turpia iacturam dicta
pudoris habent.
Sit tibi circuitus:cum
dicere postulat vsus.
Mens etenim/et lingua:
debet honesta loqui.**

**Turpia nam subeunt dic-
ta ad penetralia mētis.
Solicitanq; animū:quē
tenet alta quies.
Tamq; ea tu spernas:q̄
res male spernis olentes
Quam spernis lubricū
progrediendo locum.**

**Nā quod olet:nares la-
dit.via lubrica plantas
Sed lādūt mores turpia
verba bonos.**

**Kepe secrete thy membez/of vnclenlynes
Whiche ar in place secrete/of euery creature
Wherin beray nature/is vnto the mastres
Hydyngē them in placis/hyd:couered/and obscure
A dysglysed Iougelet/or byle gester vnpure
Is nat so foule rybaude/but that in gest or game
His membez he hydeth/for drede of oppn shame**

**And therfore aperyngē/all naked in a play
If his parte so requyre/presentyd for to be
He kepeth his foule pates hyd/in a breke alway
Nat shewyngē/what nature/hath set in pryuate
Suffer nat thy selfe/be moze shamelesse than he
Whiche without all blampys/may boldly play his parte
Honest or dishonest/after his raplyngē art**

**For gyue thou nat redence/to suche people vnpure
Whiche oppnly conioyned/as dogges without shame
Compyth nought vnclenly/belongyngē to nature
And all wordes honest/whiche any man may name
Ensewe nat this byle sect/noz thynke thou nat this same
But what nature chargith/that worke thou pzeuely
For speke nat byle wordes/before men oppnly**

**Abstayne from byle wordes/in speche and comonyngē
Whan thou hast to comon/of thyngē of grauyte
For oft tyme byle wordes/corruptith good lpyngē
And ar to shamefast lyfe/nat small dysfomyte
But whan thou muste in speche/touche of necessity
Suche matters vnclenly/vse circumlocucion
And let thy mynde and tonge/be honest:all season**

**For foule wordes spoken/of tyme doth reason blynde
And doth both the spekers/with byle thoughtes inflame
And herers/in entryngē/the secretes of the mynde
And where it erst was quyet/they trouble soze the mynde
Wherfore fle suche wordes/whiche soundith vnto shame
As thou woldest auoyde/byle place or thyngē that stynte
Or as thou wolde eschewe/a flymyllypper bynke**

**For lyke as ylcawers/hurtyth the head and bzaayne
And as llypper patthes/cast men/ofte to the grounde
Ryght so suche byle wordes/both good maners distayne
And persuyngē quyetē myndes/with hyd & secrete wounde
Both thought wordes & lpyngē/they bitterly confounde
And bresely to conclude/the lyfe of euery age
May clerely be Iugyd/by gesturē and langage**

¶ Howe every man ought to stee on his owne fawke.

None ought With any craft: nor scyence intremitt
To be beyl bablynge: and arguynge the same
Without he haue it lernyd: and be expert in it
For oft some is present: nat muche knowen by fame
Whiche in the same scyence: is worthy haue name
And myght wele suche folys: Wordys playne denye
O here hym With sylence: and scozne hym pryuely

If thou be some what/ experte in true latyne
What shuld thou do bablyng/ of strange Wordys of greke
O if thou haue in greke/ had all thy dyscyplyne
To dyspute in latyn: What nedeth the to seke
And surely thy lecture/ shall scant be Worth a leke
If thou take vpon the/ a coment to compyle
(Knowynge lxxvll of latyn) on Dwyde or Wyrgyle

What shulde a lawyer/ dyspute of medycyne
Scant wolde an olde wyfe: to hym gyue audyence
A merchant to dyspute/ agaynst a dryuere
Were a thyngge vylemely/ and sygne of insolence
Let enery wyseman: mell With his owne scyence
For who that wyll meddyl/ With euery faculte
Is outhere a starke fole: or peup the prowde is he

¶ Of manerles wyde kept in goynge.

Ferthermore in goynge/ a man ought be dyligent
To kepe honest maner/ and ordyrd comelynesse
Syth the same is outwarde: to almen euident
And of tyme tyme the gate/ doth mannys mynde expresse
The gate he wyth constance/ or rath he vnstabilenesse
When iuge soze the pace/ for by the same we se
A wyld mynde vnquyer: or prudent graunte

And bresely/ the goynge/ oft doth the mynde declare
And playnly expresse/ the maners and nature
Wherfoze go nat dreampynge/ nor yet be sleynge be ware
Of muche hasty/ or slownes/ both ar agayn nurture
Wher oze bet wene these both/ loue temperate mesure
It is gate vncomely (as doth a crane) to stryde
Wyth countenance al oft/ which is playn signe of pryde

It semyth nat to geit/ With roldyng countenance
With legges and armys: shakynge on euery syde
It semyth nat in strete/ as palfray to prance
Nor solemnly procede/ as we beholde a byrde
Led stately to the chyrche/ on hyr chese day of pryde
Nor thy pace to temper/ I count it nat laudabe
As men berynge dysches/ vnto a lordys table

Hancy.

H. i.

De qua nil didicit: quis
q non arte loquatur.

Nā sape est praesens: qui
sua dicta neget.

Græca parum doctus nō
differat ore latinus.

Virgilij interpret nec
quoq; græcus erit.

Qui studuit leges: dimittit
tat de medicinis
Dicere. cui tantū nescia
credat anus.

Præterea incessu sua dā
bet inesse venustas
Cum pateat semper omni
nibus ille palam.

Sæpe etenim incessus gra
uiter cencetur ab illo
Nāq; animi mores sæpe
videre potes.

Non igitur lentus: non
sit festinus. ametur:
Quæ neutra in parte dis
cimus esse nimis.

Non placet: incedas: si
cut qui fercula portant.
Nec sicut solita est tra
dita sponsa viro.

Non tamē/vt nimio cur
su defessus: anheles.
Aut capite incuruo præ-
cipitatus eas.

Nec minus in verbis spe-
ciem/formamq; decori
Inuenies • laudem ferre
loquendo potes.
Dum loqueris socios in-
ter/carosq; sodales:
Tunc insit sermo pressis
or ore tuo.

At/cū verba foro facies:
contentio maior.
Nisibus inq; aures vox
tua missa fluat.

Verba tamē studeas præ-
clara ex promere voce.
Claram naturam tua
cura dabit.
Seria si tractas: vultus
assume seueros.
Si: leuis quicq; sit tibi
fronte lepos.

Iuditio fueris/plurq; ser-
mone: seuerus.
Sit tibi/quā vultus: vita
seuera magis.
Sit sale conditus sermo.
cedatq; libenter
Consortio .& vinci sæpe
putato decus.

Veridicus fueris • nulli
tua verba fecundat.
Sed tamen hac in re des-
bet inesse modus.
Nā satis ē certe te diffē-
tire fateri.
Cui non consentis: desi-
ne turpe loqui.

Norther is it comely/to ren so hastily
That thou pant: as Wery/fayntyd & fatygate
Nor yet to go dzo Wppnge/in maner of a spy
Nor galyng on the ground: as one in fatuate
As in other thynges: is maner temperate
So goynge requyret/maner and honeste
For by our warde gesture/hyd thoughtys oppyn be

Of temperance in spekyng.

Lyke Wyle/as in goynge/is la Wde and comelines
So soberly spekyng/With semely graupte
Thou mayst fynde great la Wdys/& praylyng nat the lesse
Dzonounlyng thy Wozdes/With humble honeste
Amonge olde companions/if the fortune to be
Dzere faythfull fryndys/prouyd stedfast and sure
Dzonounce than thy speche/lo We/mery/and demure

But Whan thou m'ist nede speke/befoze a comōnte
Exalte than thy Wozdes/With moze contencion
Dz thy ryght defendyng/speke With audacyte
That men may moze playnly/here thyne intencion
Be Ware/by ralle Wozdes/to rayse dyssention
Thoughe thou speke With stomake pnoūce playn & clere
That all may perceyue/Whiche shall thy Wozdes here

If clere boyce to the/be denyed of nature
By cur and exercyse/than: do thy selfe auance
If thou speke of sadnes/loke sadly and demure
If thou speke of sportys/take mery countenance
Use sadnes in dedes/and other circumstance
Rather than in Wozdes/and rather let thy lyfe
She We forth sad grauite/than countenance pensyfe

Season thou thy speche/With wysdom and prudence
Gyue place to thy felowe/and harkyn his wysdom
Sometyme is les honoure/to speke/than kepe sylene
And often mayst thou cosite/ great prayse to be ouercome
Say trowth/nor glose nat/flatter nat as do some
With none/cozy fauell/if thy party be sure
But in thyne oppynyōn/obserue alway mesure

Mayntayne none oppynyōn/in maner obstynate
Contende nat in Wozdes/With such as thou shall se
Of Wozdys superflue/froward/and indurate
In communication/pnoughe is to she we the
To contrary party/in mynde to dyslagre
And Where as two other/the l'ft/nat to consēd
yet speke no rebukys/nor Wozdys byolant

Whan thy selfe hast spokyn/here thy companions
It is agaynst maners/they say to speake only
Without suffryng any to shewe oppynions
To make any aill word/to reason/or reply
If any kepe oppynion: contendinge fraidly
Gyue place for the reason: althys parte be wronge
Lyst both fall to bawlyng: or some stypes amonge

Whan any thyng is sayd/nat pleasaunt unto the
yet trouble thou nat other wyllyng to here the same
For some men haue pleur and great felicity
To here that whiche other dyspyle/refuse and blame
If thou wylt be counseyd/of maners and good name
Here other men gladly/what euer they wyl say
Thus speke thou as thyldom: and lyste as thou may

Men oft haue repentyd/of wordes superflue
But thyldom of silence: doth any man repait
Whoso scarce of wordes/is counseyd great vertue
And a sole is knowen/by speche negligent
And to hply babelyng/in wordes imprudent
If a sole were abyll/to kepe hym in silence
He shuld be reputyd/a man of sapience

Where man is dysposyd/to wordys superflue
Nat to lyege what he say/but speake all by chance
And is full of wordes/they can nat all be trewe
If thou lyst be heuy/or lab of countenance
As thyne kynde requiryth/or thyd gouernance
Oserue thyne owne maner/but whyle thy selfe art sad
yet blame thou none other/dysposyd to be glad

Dyspyle thou no persone/alif thou paret be
Of clothyng of cunnyng/of byrth/of eloquence
Of ryche/or ought els: oportune: than is he
Rather helpe hym with dede/and counsell of prudence
And whyle thou art talkyng/(gyue hebe to this sentence)
Be ware that no wordes/vnwaresly fro the state
Dysclosyng hyd sawys/and secret in thy herte

Blame thou no man absent/as detractour brynnde
For in thyf doynge/If the repyte semblaible
Unto a coward traytoure/allaylyng one behynde
Whan his wretchyd powere/in plesance is nought able
Be ware lyke than blame/thyne owne selfe/as culpable
Whyle thou blampst other/for faute that is in the
Whose lyfe thou dost folowe in all enoyntre

Whanry. H. ii.

Asculat socios: cum sis
tua verba locutus.
Te solum turpe ē omnia
velle loqui.
Si quis cōtendat (vel fal
sum) pēde proterno
Iurgia ne forte sint in
unda tibi.

Non ideo turbes alios /
audire volentes:
Hoc quia delectent te re
serenda parum.
Quin patiens alios au
di: quaecunq; loquentes.
Exeat et sermo rarior
ore tuo.

Si iuuat aut tristē te frō
ter: vel esse seuerum;
Non damnes illos: quos
iuuat esse hilares.

Sit tibi contemptus ne
mor quia purior illo es.
Consilio et facto sed ma
gis ipse iuuat.
Dum loqueris: caueas:
ne sermo lapsus ab ore
Indidet id morbi: quod
tibi corde latet.

Non quenquā carpes ab
sentem: nanq; videris
Proditor incauti cedere
terga viri.
Sed spectes etiam: ne sis
te carpere visus:
Dū damnas illos / quos
imitare: viros.

Quoscūq; alloqueris; fac
vt digneris honore.
Nec minimū e plebe sper
nere visus eris.

Qui potius studeas; om
nes videaris amare.
Nam vere id fertur. Nō
nisi amarus; amat.

Cunctorū placidis inēu
da est gratia verbis.
Et seruanda vetus sem
per amicitia est.
Nō quenq; iteroges acri
nec voce minaci.
Responsum mitis tu / fa
ciliq; dabis.

Non nimis extollas quē
q; nec presseris vllum.
Laudibus; et vitij; assit
vtrisq; modus.
Sic lauda; aut dāna; ne
possit dicere quisquā.
Iudicij; nimium / vel bo
nitatis habes.

Insuper idcirco non de
lecrabere lingua;
Vulnus in absentes vt ia
culere viros.
Quisq; q; absentes car
pentem signat; et odit;
Dum putat absenti non
secus esse sibi.

Non tibi blandiri quēq;
patiāte; nec vlli
Tu blandirus eris; error
vterq; grauis.

Be no tale herer; / bfenat detraction

So we nat byle sedys; / for mayntaynyng dyscorde
Nor paynt nat thy langage by adulation
Dyspers thou no slanders; / in tokyn; nor in woꝝde
Wylper no neſbe talis; / in chyrche strete nor boꝝde
Despyse no poze persone; / With woꝝdes of rpgour
To all men in spekyng; bſe reuerent honour

But rather in deuoy; / thy ſeſe in comonyng
To ſeme vnto all men; / lounge and ampyble
And proue thy ſeſe lounge; / for prouyd is this thyng
Except hym that lounth; / no man can fynde loue ſtable
For trewe is this ſayng; / and oſtyn ſounde probable
If thou wolde fynde fauour; / or loue; fyrſt ſo we the ſede
She we thou loue; / to Wyn loue; in woꝝde hert and dede

With ſayze pleaſant woꝝdys; / Wyn fauour of all men
And bſe thou no woꝝdes; / to bꝛeke olde ampte
With ſpeche Wyn the; / fauour; and ſo demene the then
To mayntayne that ſouour; / With true humanite
A frynde ſone is gottyn; kept With dyſculte
Demaunde no queſtion; / With woꝝdes rpgorous
And anſwere With woꝝdes demure and amercous

Comende none ouer muche; / With woꝝdes exceſſyſe
But that thou mayſt; / after; agayn hym dyſcomende
If he fall by ſraynes; / or turne to badder lyſe
Nor none beyonde meſure; blame nor repꝛehende
Let nat lawde nor blamyng; beyonde meſure extende
But in both bſe meſure; and do; that none the call
In any of both partys; to greatly parcyall

ſerthermoze in langage; bſurpe thou no delyte
To wounde any perſone; / With woꝝdys in abſence
Nor any out of ſyght; / to ſlander nor bacbyte
For all ſuche as here the; than beyng in pꝛeſence
If they haue clere reaſon; / Wyt or intellygence
Shall thynke that by them; thou ſhalt commyt the ſame
And whan they ar from ſyght; them ſo backbyte & blame

For as thou doest tyll one; ſo wylt thou do tyll other
And that all men markyth; & doth th; pꝛe maners hate
And none ſhall beleue the; / alſy he were thy bzother
But that thou in abſence; / ſhall ſerue hym in lyke rate
Agayne neſbe I warne the; / lyke as I dyd but late
Let no man the flatter; / nor no man flatter thou
For both is lyke errour; / Whiche wyſe men dyſſalo we
¶ Howe none ſhulde wyn hym fryndys by flattery.

Beware: Whyn no frendys/ by mens of flatteryng
 Ill won: and instant/ I hall be suche ampre
 And such as the flatter: With say: Wordes glosyng
 At nat more sure frendys: no: more louers to the
 In suche sayned frendshipp: is lpyll certaynte
 If any Wyckyd personer prayse the/ set nought therby
 For lewde wretches prayfynge/ is shame and bylany

Therfore count they: prayfynge/ and commendacyon
 As if thou wete nat worthy: but as rebuke and blame
 Despyle/ of yll lyuers/ they: adulation
 And if they dyspraise the: to blame ascribe the same
 They: dyspraise is prayfynge/ they: prayse rebuke & shame
 No tokyn can be better/ of honest men laudable
 Than for to be hatyd/ of byle wretches culpable

Whan fals adulation/ With say: Wordes doth gloie
 And flatterers doth trouch/ With payntyd Wordes pall
 It is dysfultre/ thynne crys than to close
 And countyd a mastery: and laboure pryncypall
 These are the mermaydes/ Whome men Serenis call
 And meruelous monstres/ by songe and melody
 Blynde people inducyng/ to dedly toperde

These flatterers/ by Whome/ the worlde is acloyde
 I counte the same monstres/ Whose gylefull armony
 Altres despyld/ and manly byd auoyde
 Hym selfe so preferyng/ and all his company
 In flatterers/ than chyders/ count gretter ioperdy
 For chyders and braulers/ be by ces for to blame
 But fals glosyng flatterers/ ar wout to cloke the same

A pacyent perceyfyng/ his malady/ and soze
 Can kepe hym from daunger/ of mere contagious
 And bely is to putuay/ some medecyne therfore
 But a soze vnkno wen/ is namely ioperdous
 The seke man suspectyth/ no matter perplous
 For hyd soze prouydyng/ no cure nor remedy
 Tyll at last he peryll heratounys todaynly

What soze fourth apertyth/ in woman/ chylde/ or man
 Anon is regardyd/ and lyghly is curable
 But hyd soze dyscepyth/ a wyle Cynegian
 So: founde is a blamer/ oft leason/ profitable
 But lewde glosyng flatterers/ ar alway dysceuable
 Better to be blamyd/ of feynde/ that fathfull is
 Than of a flatteryng foe: to haue a Judas kyll
 Whancy. H.iii.

Blanditus caueas: q tu
 merceris amicos.
 Sed neq blanditus te ma
 gis vllus emat.
 Nō plus esse putes: si to
 quis laudat iniquus:
 Quam tibi si causa lau
 dis iniqua foret

Ascribe ad laudem verā
 maledicta malorum.
 Summa etenim laus est
 displicuisse malis.

Difficile est blandis ver
 bis occludier aures.
 Egregium imprimis idq
 refertur opus.

Non puto Syrenas ali
 as quas spreuit Vlixes:
 Quam blandas linguas.
 sunt ea monstra satis.
 Semper blanda magis q
 tu maledicta timebis.
 Nam vitia ostendūt hec
 magis illa regunt.

Quem sentit morbu: an
 dicari enititur eget.
 At: quem non sentit: neq
 ligat: vnde perit.

Quod patet exterius: fa
 cile est curabile vulnus.
 Phileriden fallit: quod
 latet interius.

Non aliud q̄ sis: studeas
in plebe videri.

Sed neq; quod nō ē: sinx
eris esse tibi.

Non etiam referas tua
fortia facta/genusq;

Et proauos: quicquid
nobilitatis habes.

Stoddy thou nat outwarde: a monge the comonte

To seme any other/ than thou art in wardly

No: in thyne o'wne concept: suppose thou nat to be

No: better than thou art/ for both ar lyke foly

No: custom nat thy selfe/ to bofte and magnify

Of balyant dedys of kynrede/ o: rycheffe

For suche bayne wordys/ ar sygne of folysfhenesse

It foly is to bofte/ of kynrede/ o: lynage

The laude is in thy kyn: perchance nought in the

O: to bofte of ryches/ syth fortune is volage

And foly is to bofte/ of strenth: o: beawte

Whan vkenes assaylyth/ both ar but banyte

It foly is to bofte/ of suche caduke thynges

Whan onely/ is noble/ by vertu/ o: cunnynges

Nō decet: vt laudū quis
q̄ sit p̄co suarū.

Nec decet: alterius ste-
mata voce premat.

Alterius famę dictis nō
liuides obles.

Cantator facti sis min⁹
ipse tui.

It semeth none to be/ p̄claymer by bostynge

Of his proper la wordys/ his p̄cony/ o: name

No: it is nat comely/ but bery p̄ll sytynge

Another mannys dedys/ o: lynage for to blame

Resyst nat with wordes/ anothers/ laude/ and fame

By malice o: enuy: no: yet/ in case semblable

Synge nat thyne o'wne la wordys/ both ar. i lyke culpeable

Vt sapiens nullus popu-
lo suā crimina vulgat/

Sic neq; virtutes p̄di-
cat ille suas.

For lyke as the wylfman/ dysclofith nat his fa wte

No: his byce be wray. th/ befoze the comonte

Ryght so he is wele ware/ w wordys p̄owde & ha wte

To p̄che fourth his bertues: exaltyd for to be

For this is a p̄ouerbe/ soundynge to beryte

Of thy p̄oper mouth/ thy laude is nat la wdable

But other mennys p̄ayse: is greatly comendable

Nā laus (vt fertur) p̄o-
prio fordescit in ore:

P̄ferrim falsa: milite
digna leui.

Suche bostynge besenp̄th/ a braynles so wdyour

Whiche carlly durst reauē/ ponge chykyngs from an hen

Soche crakynge declaryth/ an hert of small balour

For the greattest crakers/ ar nat the boldest men

Some menp̄th good ynoughe: to fyght with: ix. o: ten

But if one scoldynge queā/ fought w hym hande to hande

He were nat so manfull/ hy? dysstasse to withstande

Sed magis id facito: quo
tu referaris ab omni)

Ductus in exemplū: pos-
teritate tua.

At sua qui fatuus diu-
gat crimina multis:

Omnibus hic iure credi-
tur esse furens.

Therfore cesse thy crakynge/ and order thy luynges

In doynges manly dedys/ accorbynges to vertue

That suche as come after: and all thy hole offp̄ynke

May se good example: thyne actys to insue

But certaynly that sole: whiche doth his fa wrys shewe

To many: as bostynge: o: ioynges in the same

Of all may be countyd: a madman without shame

And whether suche a sole: boſt hym offals oꝛ true
 All way is he woꝛthy of better punyſhement
 Foꝛ yf his lyfe be ſuche/as boſtynge he doth ſhewe
 Than well he deſeruyth: the galous foꝛ tourment
 But yf he boſte of byce: yet be Iudge innocent
 yet the wꝛetche is woꝛthy/ of punyſhement and care
 Foꝛ who ſclaundꝛeth hym ſelfe: whome other can he ſpare
 ¶ Howe mā may laufully manyfeſt his owne vertue: without arragans oꝛ pryde
 But this nat withſtandynge: bñkñowen yf thou be
 And yf people knowe nat/ thy cōynge/ and ſcience
 Thou mayſt the ſame ſhewe foꝛth: yf it be true in the
 But beware (in ſhewynge) of pryde and inſolence
 Of any faculte/ yf thou haue experience
 Do that men may knowe it: but ſe well as thou can
 That the ſame be noyſome/ oꝛ greuouſ to no man

By boſtynge of the ſame/ oꝛ other beſpꝛeſſe
 Unto theyꝝ diſpleaſour/ oꝛ quietnes contrary
 As by this example: thou mayſt perceyue expreſſe
 Non cloſyth in a corner: a kynndlyd lumynary
 Foꝛ ouer nere the eyes/ the ſame/ agayne doth cary
 Byt wene both is meaſure/ ſo hyde nat thy cōynge
 Foꝛ ſhewe it nat to muche/ by cꝛakyng oꝛ boſtynge

yet ſuche as inhabyte/ amonge neyghbours bñkynde
 May prayſe his owne gyftes/ and h. ſ. owne parte defende
 Foꝛ enuy and malpce: ſo: many wꝛetches doth blynde
 That els ſholde non at all/ his bertues cōmende
 But beyonde his bondes / he ſholde nat hym extende
 Leſt his gyftes knowne: heape/ and augment enuy
 And cauſe hym lyue: after: muche moꝛe bñquetly

¶ Of vayne glory nat to be coueryd

Syth all woꝛldly glory: is ſmall and tranſytoꝛy
 And all holy hyuers/ the ſame/ in hert deſpyle
 Therfoꝛe thou oughteſt nat: to ſtody foꝛ vayne glory
 What man it deſpꝛeſſe ought nat be countyd wyſe
 But vayne is all glory: nowe haue I tolde the twyſe
 Foꝛ what good: we wꝛetches/ do any tyme oꝛ tyde
 Our ſelfe it perſeuerne nat: but god whiche is our gyde

And therfoꝛe all glory/ all prayſe/ laude and honour
 Is dewe to the father hye and celeſtyall
 So techyth holy chꝛyſt: ſpouſe of our ſauyout
 Wherfoꝛe yf glory/ oꝛ honour tempoꝛall
 Be gyuen here in erthe to vs people mortall
 Suche honour and glory/ may well be called vayne
 As maynyng and ſadyng/ nat able to remayne

¶ Of honeſt maner to be kept in blamyng the faultis of any perſone

¶ Hancy.

¶ H. iiii.

Et ſeu falſa ferat de ſe/
 ſeu crimina vera:
 Dignior eſt pœna/ dignis
 or ille cruce.

Si tamē acciderit: q̄ ſis
 ignorus: et ipſa
 Sint tua: tunc parcus
 illa reſerue potes.
 Fac noſcāt homines: ſuſ
 rit tibi ſigna facultas.
 Ne tamen iſs fiat illa
 moleſta: vide.

Nemo etenim accenſam
 poſuit ſub corde lucernā
 Aut oculos propius/ q̄
 decet eſſe: locat.

Gloria nam ſtudio non
 eſt tibi vana petenda.
 Non ſapit iſ: ſicut glori
 a vana placet.
 At vana eſt ois: quia
 quicquid geſſimus ipſi:
 Non nos: ſed ſūmus dux
 fuit ipſe deus.

Propterea eſt omnis cō
 leſti debita patri
 Gloria: ſic Chꝛiſti dicere
 ſponſa docet.
 Immeritis igitur nobis
 eſt ſiqua tributa:
 Hęc poterit vana diciet
 atque leuis.

At si quem oblatges: cu
ra: ne percitus ira
Sis visus. sed q̄ ductus
amore facis.

Sæpe nihil prodest nimi
am reprehēsor acerbus.
Plus prodest hilaris. nā
magis ille docet.
Errori veniam facilis
donabis. et illi
Non dandam dices: si
reperitus erit.

Si neq; verba valent: et
carior ipse reprehens
Vtere carceribus. com
pede stringe pedes.
Non nimium longe fue
ris iurgando prolectus.
Inter disiunctos acrior
esse caue.

Si sapias: medicos iur
gans imitare peritos:
Qui tantum vt sanent:
putrida mēbra secant.
Sic tu quo profis: pru
denter corripe caros.
Non odium queras: dū
malefacta refers.

Ergo sit hoc raro. cumq;
est: iniuria cesset.
Sit tūc: cum melior nul
la relicta via est.

Si quis te contra mone
at: patiare monentem.
Qui monet: vt profit:
non grāue dicta feras.
Nam si te merito iurga
uit: profuit ille.
Sin minus: is voluit vti
lis esse tibi.

If thou be constrayned any patrone to blame
Do that thou nat seme/for wrath: hym to reprove
But with all demurenes/behauē the in the same
As nat led by malice/but rather of good loue
Of tyme a great blamer/is lytell for behoue
But rather makyth woꝛde/by to great cruelte
Where as a mercy blamer/is great vtyltye

To the frayle offender/by countenaunce demure
So glad chere doth profyte/whan yre ragyth in bayne
Be lyght to for gyuenes/and byd gylty be sure
Nat to haue lyke mercy/yl they trespas agayne
If thou loue the synner/and woꝛde can nat constrayne
Hym to cesse his foly/than vse thou moꝛe rygour
As fetters oꝝ pryson: to sober his furour

Better is to suffer: hym for a tyme to smerte
Than wander vncorrect/to many folde errour
And after se hym ende/with sad and wofull herte
To his owne confusio: and frendys dishouour
Noꝝ go thou nat to fare / blamyng with woꝛdes soure
Oꝝ ragynge and chydyng/for any cryme oꝝ synne
Namely agaynst suche/as ar nat of thy kynne

If thou be wyse/folowe the maner/what thou can
Of a wyse phesician/oꝝ leche experient
For dead flesshe they cut out/of woman chylde oꝝ man
In moſte easly maner/onely for this intent
To restore vnto helth/the paynfull payent
So blame thou with wysdome: thy frende: aboue all thyng
Lest thou wyn but hatred: by rygoꝝouse chydyng

Aduert: glas is bytyll/but yren stele and bras
Indureth great strokis/oꝝ they receyue fygure
But the cryspynge yren / suffylth bytyll glas
So man muste be treatyd / as semyth theyꝝ nature
Some roughly/some myldly/with sayze woꝛdes demure
Therfoꝛe blame but seldome/and without iniury
And that: whan thou seeſt none other remedy

¶ We be whiche is blamyd for his faute/ought behauē hym false
Agayne: yf another/the blame oꝝ reprehende
Oꝝ warne the: of thy faute/ Indure hym patiently
If he warne thy profyte/to his woꝛdes intende
Bere nat his rebukes/noꝝ woꝛdis heuely
For yf thou haste mysdone/of blame art thou woꝛthy
So dyd he/the profyte: yf thou be nat culpable
yet thought he vnto the/for to be profitable

Thys wyle/loue/and thank// deserueth his good mynde
And nat wozle art thou / rebukyd innocent
And cestes it is better/charpe wordes and brynde
To suffer of a frende/spoken for good intent
Than of a foe to haue/sayre speche and fraudelent
The one wolde thy profyte/all yf he seme nat so
But ofte glosyd langage, clokyth a mortall foo

How man ought behaue hym selfe anenst his ennyes

If any testy foes / toynded as bur to bur
Assayle the by malyce/to wath prowokynge the
Grynnyng and gnarrynge/as doth a butchers curre
For get thou nat suffrance/noz thyne olde graunte
Wyl dayne thou suche wretches/outher to here o: se
Syth suche want good maners / all reason and wysdome
One (shall) them dyspyllyng / in best maner ouercome

O howe muche hath greuyd/a subtyl fo mortall
Withouth swerde o: weapn/yf he by wordes fell
From thy wont graunte/constrayne the for to fall
Wherfoze yf thou be wyle/wozke after my counsell
Here nat that scolder/and bzaulyng hounde of hell
Though his mouth by malyce/bzaulyng do some & blede
Let no worde brynwozth: out of thy / mouth procede

Of maner to be kepte in spekyng

Further moze intende thou/that thou in comonyng
Erre nat from thy purpose/to fa: in wordys bayne
If thou make digressyon/go nat so fa: wandryng
But that thou may to purpose/by lyght/retourne agayne
Lest some in derisyon/warne the in wordes playne
Sayenge/sy: consyder it drawith fast to nyght
At laste drawe to purpose/retourne whyle it is lyght

Nowe brefely concludynge/ whan thou shalt fele and se
Thy longe speche tedious/to thy felawes present
Cesse:and procede no moze tedious for to be
For short longe and plesant/is mozte couenient
And short tale/comendyd:is/best of men prudent
As small meat prouokyth a greedy appetyte
So shorte speche growyth to heters mozte belyte

Of measure to be kept in curyosyte of manclous

Desyre thou nat to dwell/in curyous buyldynge
Of marble and pycture/o: grauyng curyous
Suche buyldynge besemyth/an emperour o: kynge
But before all other / it semyth godd's house
Oft tyme the house shewith:proude mynde glozious
Wherfoze seke in housynge/hollome comodyte
Rather than proude buyldynge/o: curyosyte

*Te si quando procerx ini
micus dente lacerat:
Vtere et aduersus hunc
grauitate tua:*

*Hec: quantum nocuit
sine ierro callid' hostis
Si facit: vt solita tu gra
uitate cadas.
Non quicquam idignu
sancto tibi decidas ore:
Quamuis ille canis ima
proba verba latret.*

*Præterea intendas: ne
sermo longius erret.
Digressus propere: luce
reuerte domum.
Prospice: ne quisq; dicat
iam luce propinquas:
Iam tandem ad causam/
proposetumq; redi.*

*Deniq; cum sentis focis
os sermone grauari:
Desine: ne pergas longi
us esse grauis.*

*Nō habites ades: pictu
ra: et marmore cultas.
Sed salubrem cures in
coluisse domum,*

Hāc seu tu fabricas: pre-
cio seu suscipis emtam:
Aspice: qualem vsus exi-
git ipse tuus.
Nam domus humanos
cum solum fiat in vsus:
Assit dumtaxat vsibus
apta tuis.

Nec tibi decultis domi-
bus quārēda voluptas.
Sed magis e cella est in-
teriora tua.

Hanc si mūdabis: mīros
tibi fundet odores.
Sume voluptates/ quod
cupis: inde tibi.
Cumque dōmo verses nō
toto tempore vitet:
In cella māneas noctis
bus/ atque die.
Propterea assyrio cures
hanc spargere odore.
Hæc/ cures: omni quo
decoretur ope.
Non igitur domin⁹ pul-
chra noscatur ab æde.
Sed domus a domino fit
celebrata suo.
Non decet: vt totus tibi
splēdor ab æde petatur.
Splendorem domini sed
inuet ipia domus.

Non queat illa frequēs
in te sententia dici.
Quā dispar dominus est
tibi prisca domus.
Sæpe ego dicentes audis
ui tempore nostro.
Heu antiqua domus: q̄
tibi dispar herus.

Non etiam condas ma-
iora palacia tui:
Quā modo præscriptus
dictet in æde modus.

And whether thou shalt byde/ bye: outher bye thy hous
Marke yf it be needfull/ and competent to the
Seke more eas/ and profite/ than grauyng glorious
Syth howsps ar buylded/ for mannys necessitye
And only for mannys ble/ and comodite
Prepare thyne abydyng/ and habytacion
After thy nede/ thyne ble/ and occupacion

For seke thou nat pleour/ in comely aparayle
In deckyng thyne howsps/ with costly ornament
In outwarde ornament/ is pompe and small auayle
Fyeste garnyshe and cleuse/ the house of thyne intent
Chan cleuse thy bedchamber/ from all displeasent sent
In a lytell parler/ cleue/ and off swete odour
Is rōume suffycient/ and plenty of pleasour

For in thyne outwarde house/ thou selde doest frequent
In chamber thou restest/ ofte tyme both day & nyght
And therfore: it garnyshe/ with herbys redolent
And with fragrant odours/ thy spyte for to lyght
Make it swete in odour/ and comely vnto lyght
That this thy pleasant cell/ adournyd/ in best wyse
May declare the cleynesse/ and fulfyll the suffysle

Therfore the housholder/ and mayster of the house
Dought nat to be noted/ by sumptuous buyldyng
For by outwarde grauyng/ or wark/ curyous
But let the house be laudyd/ more after his hyuyng
Vnto thy laude/ and honour/ it is but lytyll thyng
That on thy fayre buyldyng/ thy name sholde hole depende
yet: the buyldyng/ somwhat/ the mayster may comende

Let nat this olde sentence/ whiche people oft frequent
Agaynste the be spoken: whiche is/ this to recozde
O noble mancion: o house moste auncient
Howe greatly vnto the: discoridyng is thy lord
For oftyn in my tyme: my selfe haue harde this worde
Alas noble buyldyng: house of antiquyte
Howe muche is thy mayster/ and lord vnylike to the

All thynges here spokyn/ of buyldyng curyous
Concernyng the Cytie/ thou muste them bnderstande
In lyke wyse for buyldyng: great buyldyng/ sumptuous
And howsps superflue: in contrey or bylande
For of many folpes/ this one/ I count moste fonde
To buyld costly cagis/ in fozeist parke or wode
Whiche nat to no man/ nor beste/ can fynally do good

¶ Of maner to be obseruyd in gesture and countenance

So gouerne thy gesture/ of body fote and hande
Of countenance/ yien: and mouth: With fayer semblance
That who the beholbyth/ may se and vnderstande
Thyne in Ward behauour/ by out Ward countenance
And Where thou seest other/ of fro Warde gouernance
And gesture dyshonest: agaynst nyrture and skyll
Consyder that lyke gesture: shuld the befeme as yll

And Whome thou reputest wele manered/ dyspose the
They? maners to folo we/ in manerly gesture
And if thou in noztur: dyede o' incertaynte
Take counsell of fryndys/ prouyd lounge and sure
So poyetys and paynters/ in her is a pycture
Take counsell of other: inquyringe they? sentence
To they? owne consypte/ befoze they gyue credence

Of honest occupacions to be vsed conuenient to manys state,
In lyke wyse behaue the/ and this in any wyse
I warne the to be ware/ of attys of bylenesse
Do so wyle occupayon: to hant o' exerceple
By wretchyd couetyse/ to gacher great rycheffe
fle lucre dyshonest/ by fraudys o' falenese
Wyle lucre is lothsom: both vnto good and man
And ca wylth the getter/ oft tyme his purpos ban

For therby is the so wyle: in dannger for to spyll
And the fame despyld/ With name of bylany
And man Wynnith harred: hyd rancour and yl wyl
Therfoze namly fle thou the spot of symony
And all maner branchys/ of clokyd blery
By fraudes and falshod/ do nat thy good extende
For goodys falsly goottyn/ come syl dome to good ende

Wherfoze be no to wler/ catehepoll nor costomer
No broker nor botcher/ no somner nor sergeant
Be thou none Inholder/ hosteler nor tauerner
No bygyngge exchetour: nor yet baylof errant
An Offyciall o' Shryfe/ ar honest/ but ryght skant
The moste of this nomber/ lyuyth by do wble to wlyng
By clokyd extorcyon/ by fraudys and by pollyng

Wherfoze/ these/ and other/ vnto them semblable
Ar wyle belynesles/ hactyngge both name and thought
And all suche craftys/ ar wyle/ and skant laudable
Whole Warke (and nat cunynge) is blyd o' yet bought
In choppys o' in sale/ of good cunynge is nought
No yet Wyt nor Wylsom/ but gyle and subylte
Where dysceyte/ is Wylsom: there is no honelle

Sic manu gestus/ sic os/
oculosq; gubernes:
Indicium vt prestes: qua
liter intus habes.
Quos autem gestus alio
rum ducis ineptos:
In te crede illos posse
placere minus.

At / si quid dubitas : fia
dos tibi cosule amicos :
Vt/ quicquid peccas : to
monuisse velint.
Sic faciunt docti pinto
res: sicq; poetae.
Interrogant alios: quas
le videtur opus:

Sed neq; tu cupidus tur
pes sectaberis artes:
Multaru vt dominus ef
ficiaris opum.
Sed pariter fugias : que
sordida luca patantur.
Nanq; odij causas/ iniu
diamq; parant.

Quare non custos por
tus/ non foenoris auctor
Non lanius/ caupo for
det id omne genus.

Et sordent omnes: quo
rum non artis emerut
Ingenium: sed opus. id
genus omne fuge.

Nil habet ingentis: quicquid
quid vulgata sabet: ita
Exposuit: quicquid est pro
ta popina gula.
Alea: saltator: feruat nil
proffus honesti.

Mercator tenuis: sordidus
ipse quibet:
Quisquis emit merces:
illas: subitoque renendit:
Periurus: vanus semper
is esse solet.
Nil autem vano: et per a
iuro turpius extat.
Nug: homines fraudat:
negligit ille deos.
At si mercator magnus
sit mercis optima:
Vt putat: non magno vel
fitur ille probro.
Hic quoque laudari pote
rit: si plenius: ad agros
Se tantem vertens: agri
cola esse cupit.

Nic melius cultu terrar:
nil dignus illa:
Qua: pauca accipiens:
plurima donat hero.

Hanc quondam mundi
victores: tunc modesto
Vire: cum proptia non
rubuerit: stant.

Curia cōscriptos patres
cogebat ab agris.

Noz nought is prayse worthy / In crafty cokery
By saued squire / and meateys pody gall
Kyndepyng carnall lustys by meane of glotony
The dyse ar damnable / and fure infernall
Wayne daunsyng / is noysle: to hyle lustys carnall
Wyle geoglers and pypets / by Wanton melody
And songes / exceptyng / youth oft to rybaudy

A poze pety merchant / or pedler / is but hyle
And suche as no we beyng / reitayle anon agayne
These comely frequent / fraude periury and gyle
And harde is: from lyenge / they: tonges to reitayne
Chan a hayne periurer: nought is moze hyle certayne
For hym selfe for Weryng: by Wierchyng couetys
Both men he defraudyth / and god doth he despyse

But a famous merchant: great: ryche: and habundant
And ryght wylfully dealyng: is nat bytuperable
But worthy With great rulers: for to be conuersant
As to court and Cytie: nedefull and profytable
But yet suche a merchant: is countyd moze laudable
A leaue courtte and Cytie / Whan he hath full ynouge
And to be an husbnde: to gyde the wayne & ploughe

For amonge all craftis: and worldly besynes
No thyng is moze laudyd: than tyllyng of the groude
Whiche for lyttell labour: yeldeth great ryches
And small sepe reserpyng: causyth the lorde abounde
In plenty / Wher wyth all: bothe he: and his ar founde
And holcome vnto body: is this same exeryse
And also to the soule: quenchyng the rote of hyle

Whylom the great Romayns / moste myghty conquerous
To Whome all the worlde / was made subiecte & bounde
Where no thyng ashamed / to take the same labours
With they: propre handys / to turne / & bygge the groude
And oftyn suche fathers / Were in the fylde founde
That dyuers Were callyd / from plough to the empye
At pryncys requestes / and comons great desyre

Some of homely plowmen / lusty / symple / and rurall
Made ouer the hole worlde / moste worthy emperours
And some other callyd / to byggyte royall
As Dictatours Consuls / and prudent Senatours
Whiche after great actes / and deseruyd honours
Haue left they: great lordshipp: & after Were ryght fayne
Vnto the quyet fylde / and ploughe to turne agayne

Thus the romayne lawes/ constrayned men cut all
 For sober behauour/ and wyse frugalyte
 From plovghes: to be pryncps/ in to wim impervall
 So some/ thone day lyftyd to great auctoryte
 Was yester an heard/ content with pouerte
 Thus of all labours/ and euery exercyse
 The tymanys labours/ is countyd of moste pryce

Amonge artyficers/ the wyse syrgian
 Is laudyd nat a lyttyll/ and for necessyte
 And nat lesse is laudyd the good phe'ician
 And la wyer whiche leanyth/ to ryght and equyte
 Masons/ carpenters/ and other suche as be
 For mannys lyfe nedefull/ and greatly profytable
 May welbe admyttyd/ as craftys comendable

But no maner science: no craft/ no exercyse
 Can be in it owne selfe: so good and necessary
 But that may be blamyd/ and obscuryd by vyce
 If the same be vsyd/ wronge: and to way contrary
 In all thyng dyscreffion/ is gyde and lumynary
 It wayke thyng susteynyth/ and lyghtnyth obscure
 And all thyng derecty in ordre and mesure

Desyre thou none offyce/ no cure/ in any wyse
 If it vnrequyred: be gyuen vnto the
 If thou thynke the able/ do nat the same dyspyse
 And thanke thou the gyuer/ with de we humanyte
 Gyue thou nat sone credence/ to boyce of comonte
 For oft tyme yll tonges/ confederate/ apply
 Of customyd malysce/ to flatter o: to lye

And lewde/ vnder colour/ of playne symplyte
 Composynge theyr lyes/ oft tymes craftely
 Supplantyth good people: and men of honeste
 This is theyr chiefe stody/ and syndly polycy
 Resyst thou suche wretches/ and theyr wordes desyre
 Despyse thou what they say: and theyr dedys dyspyse
 For all is but flattery: o: gyle that they dyuise

She we thy selfe moste humble/ most deboner and mylde
 Whan most welth and ryches/ shall vnto the abounde
 Than be thou moste curtayse/ to man woman and chyld
 For the moze thou mayst/ moze straitly art thou bounde
 And thoughe thou haue but lyttyl/ yet fall nat to the grou
 Take comfort to thy selfe/ in hope of better spede
 No: let nat all men knowe/ thy mysery and nede

Quis hodie est consul:
 ante bubulcus erat:

Artifices inter medicos
 laudatur et archi
 Tectus: qui fabros adifi
 care docet.

Offici exactor non sis. si
 redditur ultro
 Gratia: non segnis ipse
 receptor eris.
 Non cito credideris vul
 go: quaecumq; feruntur.
 Saepe fuit falsum: quod
 mala lingua refert

Saepe mali quaerunt sub
 nomine simplicitatis/
 Dum referunt falsa: pre
 cipitare bonos.
 Artibus istorum/ quantu
 potes: ipse resiste.
 Despice: quae dicunt. des
 pice: quae faciunt.

Te placidum studeas reo
 bus prestare secundis.
 Nam magis id debes: quo
 magis ipse potes.
 At/ si sint tenues tibi res
 solatia quaeras.
 Nec fueris visus omni
 bus esse miser.

Nō tua cum doleas: alio
rum cōmoda nartēs.

Ne videare suis inuidus
esse bonis.

Discere semper ama: nec
fit tibi maxima cura:

A quo tu discas: sit didi-
cisse satis.

Quod nosti: doceas ali-
os: id scire volentes.

Sis memor ex alijs te di-
dicisse prius.

Iamq; operi finē nostro
præscribe Thalia.

Tempore quæ superant:
cōmediore canes.

Da veniā lector si sum ni-
mis ipse profectus.

Nā nisi prodesse nil me
a musa cupit.

Whan thy self be wayleſt thy nebe and myſer

Comon nat of others: Welth/ eas/ and quyetnes

Lyst thou seme to murmer/ by malyce & enuy

Agaynst others fortune/ helth honour and rythes

Loue euer for to lerne/ Ware wyldom/ and goodnes

Noz of Whome thou lerneſt/ thou nebeſt nat dyſcerne

Let it full ſuffyle the/ good maners for to lerne

And What thou haſt lerned/ teche thou the ſame agayne

To ſuche as lernynge/ countyth treſoure and ſtoze

On obſtynate dullardys/ breke nat thy wyt and byayne

In apt myndys/ cōnyng/ declaryd: Watth moze

Remember of other/ thy ſelfe lernyd befoze

So let other of the: So lernyd may delate

Noz make nat fre ſcyence/ to mony ſubingate

No we my muſe Thalia/ aſſyue me to conclaue

This my preſent labour/ and inſtant beſynes

And What thyng remaynyth: With moze ſolitytude

In tyne moze oportune/ I gladly ſhall expreſſe

But good reder pardon/ my redpous rudeneſſe

For onely my purpoſe/ is iuuent to proſpce

And yonge tender myndys/ to maners to expte

For as a rayd table/ With Whyte coler alayde

Is reddy to reſepue/ all maner of pecture

So youth is dyſpoſyd/ as commonly is ſayd

To all good or yll maners/ as men put them in hze

But thought vnto the woꝛſt/ youth leanyth of nature

yet a erthen beſſell/ is euer ſwete or ſowze

And after ſtyll kepyth/ taſt of the fyrſt lyconr

Whiche men at begynnynge/ for ſeaſon put therein

So Wylde youth abuſyd/ fyrſt / w ſeayle pleaſours blynde

Longe after his proner/ and redyer to ſyn

For ſoly by cuſtom/ oft turnyth vnto blynde

That none hoſſom doctryne/ can caſe it fro thy mynde

Wherefoze o tender youth/ loke on this ſmall trectyſe

And leaue barayne baladys/ mouynge the mynde to byce

Rede this lyttell trectyſe/ o iuuent of englonde

As myrrour of good maners/ ye cheſely of London

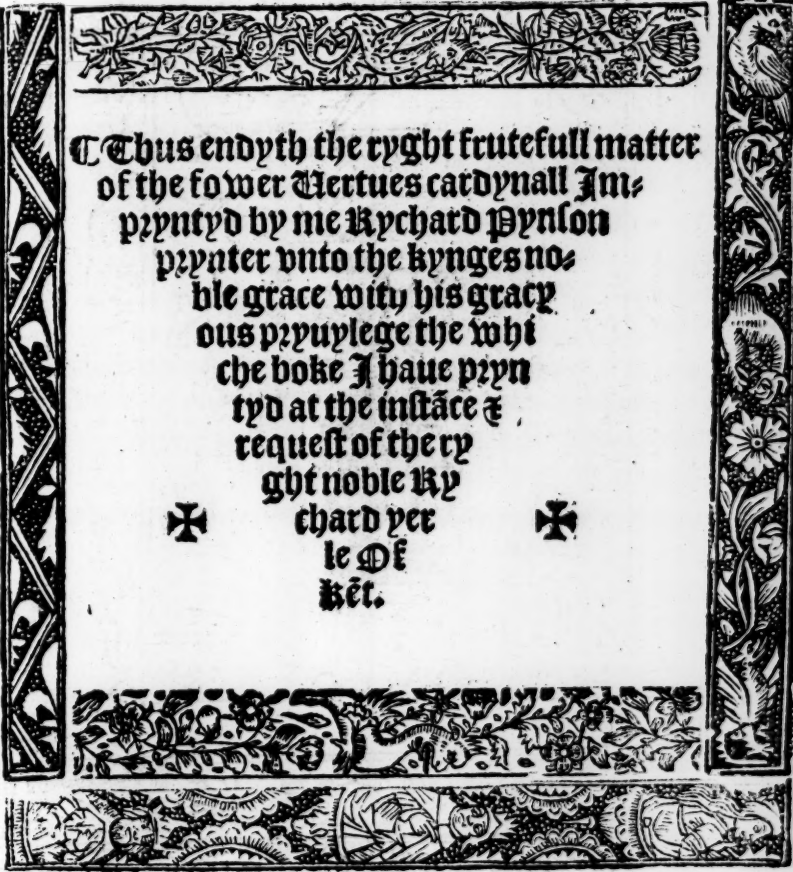
And Whan ye: it redynge/ ſhall proſpce vnderſtande

Gyue ye laude/ and thankys/ to Gyles Myngton

Knyght/ at whole precept/ this trectyſe was begon

If this do you proſpce/ that ſhall my mynde expte

Of mo frutfull maters/ after this to wypte



Thus endyth the ryght frutefull matter
of the fower Vertues cardynall Im-
pryntyd by me Rycharde Pynson
prynter vnto the kynges no-
ble grace with his grac-
ous pryuylege the whi-
che boke I haue pryn-
tyd at the instaunce &
request of the ry-
ght noble Ky-
chard yer-
le Of
Kēt.

